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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[redacted] and Confidential Informant T-1 furnished complete reports recorded herein of all meetings held by subject SMITH in Los Angeles, namely at the Ham 'n Eggs Hall, 1204 South Hill Street, on June 4th, 11th, 18th, 22nd, and 28th, 1945, and at the Philharmonic Auditorium June 25, 1945. T-2 advises SMITH spoke before the Republican Women's Club of 45th Assembly District, 124 West Avenue 30, June 19, 1945. T-3 advises SMITH's speech at Philharmonic Auditorium on June 25 caused furore and protest before, during, and after. T-3 furnished a copy of subject's prepared speech for the meeting June 25, 1945. T-1 and T-4 report SMITH plans another large meeting at Los Angeles and then tentatively plans one month's trip to Washington, D. C., to confer with Senator REYNOLDS and will proceed there via Salt Lake City, Denver, and Detroit. Returning to Los Angeles, SMITH will speak to meetings at larger California cities scheduled by the Los Angeles Ham 'n Eggs Group in order to organize a permanent America First spearhead on the West Coast composed of all minority groups in this area firmly welded together.

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[redacted] furnished this office with the following information:

On Monday, June 4th, GERALD L. K. SMITH conducted a meeting at the Ham 'n' Eggs hall at 1204 South Hill Street. The hall was overcrowded, there being between six and seven hundred people present. SMITH was greeted with great enthusiasm. He apologized for the necessity of holding the meeting in such a small hall, and thanked the people for being willing to stand up all evening. He said that the "Communists and the Jews" had prevented him from getting a larger meeting place; that he had made arrangements to meet at a church later in the week, but just ten minutes ago he had been informed that the preacher had changed his mind; that pressure by the Communists and the Jews had been brought, and he was told that this church was not available to him. (An observer close to SMITH told this reporter that he did not believe this was true, that he thought it was a bid for sympathy.)

Several of the people in the audience asked SMITH to name the church. However, he was reluctant to do so, and said that they could depend on it that it was not BOB SHULER (which statement brought forth applause; that it was some "little squirt"; that if it had been a well known church and preacher he would tell them, but since it was an insignificant one, he didn't want to name it.)

He talked about money changers and international bankers in one breath, and there was no doubt that his audience knew just who he was referring to. He attempted to find out how varied an audience he had. He asked how many had received their cards of admission to the Thursday meeting from Trinity, from the Kingdom Temple, from the Ham 'n' Eggs meeting, or from a church service (which he did not name), where he said the cards were passed out.

It was pretty evenly divided from the way the hands went up in response to his question.

He introduced the REV. WESLEY SWIFT of Lancaster, California. (SWIFT claimed in private conversation that he had 20 armed men at the meeting at the Embassy, and that they were at this meeting also.)

SWIFT concentrated on the Babylonian Talmudic money changers whom Christ had driven out of the Temples, saying they preyed on the people then and they are still doing so down through the ages. This is a Christian nation and the oath of office is taken on the Bible, and no one who did not believe that Christ was the son of God should be permitted to be in power in this country; they should not hold office. He was particularly vicious and although he did not use the word "Jew" at any time, his use of Babylonian Talmudic money changers and Canaanites left no question in the minds of his listeners

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that he meant them. Our enemies were really the anti-Christ and they should be driven out. SWIFT is a short, dark, youngish man. He could be around 30. He was warmly applauded.

(PERKINS, SWIFT, and Mrs. SMITH were on the platform).

GERALD SMITH then took over. He had a record book in his hand. He wanted to read some of the matters that were taken up at their convention and tell the audience about the stands that were taken on various matters. First was money. Our money system was not very good and would have to be changed. It was in control of an international clique, of the money changers. The Bank of England financed HITLER, and then he got out of hand. By the Bank of England he did not mean the good people of Britain, but the Rothschilds, who control the Bank of England. At this point he explained that he was not anti-Semitic, but that he was against the materialistic Jew who sought to control our Government. He said that his enemies were worried; they did not know where he would strike next, that he might strike at Hollywood. Later he did attack the motion picture industry. He said that it was controlled by 46 Russian Jews; that they also controlled the radio, and that people like he were not allowed to be on the air, but that WINCHELL was. That he would be against the control by any one group, even if it were 46 Catholics or 46 Protestants.

He said that the convention had taken a stand against further immigration; that he has just learned that there are 17 million Jewish refugees scheduled to come into this country within a very short time. They want to come now so they can take the jobs of our boys while they are still in the service. (The audience was simply horrified - comments all around: "Oh no".)

They had taken a stand against immigration of Orientals also; it is their belief that the bill revoking the law prohibiting Chinese to immigrate should be withdrawn. Our country cannot absorb these Orientals.

He said that he had resigned himself to a bad press. That the newspapers never said anything good about him, but that he would continue to be for America First ---- that STALIN puts Russia first; CHURCHILL puts Britain first, etc., and what's wrong with putting America first? It was certainly a peculiar state of affairs when he is supposed to apologize for his Americanism to refugees who have been here only three or four years. We don't want the kind of people who consider America second, those who want to sell our country out to the international bankers. The Jews should be the last persons against him; if there were any Jews present they should be grateful that this is a Christian nation because if it were not, they would not be safe at this meeting. (Applause).

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Russia is liquidating the Jews right now. This is actually the only country where the Jews can be safe and make money. Russia is exterminating the intellectual Germans so they could rule Germany; she has created a news blackout and has not permitted American or British soldiers to enter Berlin.

SMITH said that this was supposed to be a closed meeting but if any rats had sneaked in all this talk would be of interest to them; that he realized he had said enough to be shot for, but if anything happened to him from the millions of drops of his blood millions of little GERALD L. K. SMITH's would spring up. While there was a drop of blood in his veins he would go on fighting to protect this country and to keep its treasury from being looted by the international bankers. He said somebody had asked him how he felt about the new President. He felt that the President had been placed in a bad position; that he had taken over the country at a time when a terrific assortment of bureaucrats were in power: HARRY HOPKINS, SAM ROSENMAN, FELIX FRANKFURTER. SMITH was for the President as long as he continued to clean up this situation, and as long as he did not side with FRANKFURTER. SMITH didn't want to commit himself; said that you never know when some one might fall under the influence of the international bankers.

This war could have been prevented back in 1932-1933. Instead of creating artificial work we should have been building our Navy and Army.

The Convention had taken a stand about the Negro; that ABRAHAM LINCOLN had a plan for the Negro which SMITH would read at another meeting; in fact, he would give some further facts about LINCOLN's assassination and the truth about HUEY LONG's assassination by a man named WEISS. All of the people could not be invited to all of the meetings because of the limited space, but each meeting would be just as important as the other, and starting next week they would hold a series of eight or nine meetings.

The Convention also thought that Canada should be allowed to become one of our States if she wanted to. SMITH said that England could pay her debt right now by ceding to us all the islands in this vicinity that she owns; that we should not give up any of the islands we wrested from Japan; that any island on which our blood had been spilled belonged to us.

SMITH spoke again about our money financing China and at the same time we had sent designers and engineers to Japan.

The BROWDERS were able to get halls when they wanted to talk, but he was denied the use of them.

SMITH had been in touch that day with Denver and Salt Lake City. He is planning a committee of 1,000 in this area. There will be another meeting

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next Monday or Tuesday and invitations would be sent out. He did not care to announce the time or meeting place. He expressed his gratitude to PERKINS, Revs. WOODWARD, SWIFT, the Kingdom Church, Trinity, FATHER VAUGHAN of Loyola. He was grateful to the ALLEN brothers who had been so kind to him. He mentioned again the exclusive MARK HOPKINS Hotel of San Francisco cancelling his speech, while WALTER WINCHELL, whose real name was WALTER LIPSHITZ, and who had changed his name to WINCHELL because he was ashamed of being a Jew (some one remarked: "They all change their names"), was living in the Hotel. SMITH talked about the four freedoms and said no one was going to take this country away from him, but that was the intention of the international bankers. He talked about his magazine, "The Cross and the Flag", and read some of the items contained therein (that is, the headlines only). A Congressional reprint was also being passed out, but I did not get one. The glimpse I caught indicated that the subject matter was about Jews and money.

SMITH said that Mayor BOWRON wanted him to get out of town as soon as possible, but that was before he knew that the Ham 'n' Eggs people were sponsoring him. Now that he realizes the situation, he just doesn't know what to say.

In the course of his statements about the bad press, he compared himself with LINDBERGH, who was also smeared by the press.

He asked all those who wanted to be invited to the next meeting to place their name on the back of the envelopes that were passed out, and those who did not fill out an envelope previously to also put their names on the front, and their addresses. Contributions were to be placed in the envelope. The envelope contained a notation for a subscription to "The Cross and the Flag", and for a contribution. Adjournment around 10:00.

Blotters containing the name of DR. HERBERT FINLEY, 636 South Broadway, were on the table with literature to be passed out. Copies of a pamphlet issued by the Constitutional Money League were sold in front of the hall; also copies of "Why I quit Communism".

As in previous speeches SMITH rambled on and on, never following one direct line from subject to subject. At the opening of the meeting "America" was sung and the Lord's Prayer was recited. SMITH emphasized that he felt that he was on the right track when fighting for the Constitution of the United States. There was also the usual amount of flag-waving. He compared himself to ABRAHAM LINCOLN and GEORGE WASHINGTON, saying that if they were wrong, he too was wrong.

Also mentioned that he will soon start a large organization drive for his veterans organization.

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While talking about the persecution he was suffering at the hands of the Jews and Communists who kept him from speaking in many cities, he added one more touch to his martyr story claiming that the internal revenue department has spent \$125,000 and used 40 investigators to investigate him. They found that he had spent a million dollars for literature and they were trying their utmost to learn the source of his money.

Realizing that he had some of the money reform crackpots in his audience, he played up to them by saying that our money is unconstitutional and then followed the usual line about the international bankers who are the wire-pullers behind Bretton Woods and Dumbarton Oaks.

Also aware of the presence of many British Israelites, which cramped his usual stype, SMITH stated that the Bank of England is really being controlled by the Rothschilds and that the British financed HITLER in building up his war machine.

He ranted also against Soviet Russia for walking hand in hand with Japan and some of our boys have been killed by the Japanese with American made bullets, which were sent under lend-lease to Soviet Russia.

There was some talk about HENRY WALLACE and his "under-plowing" the little pigs and shed crocodile tears for Germany, which will now be destroyed by Soviet Russia with our permission. Predicted that within a year and a half to two years there will be another great war, this one between Christianity and Communism.

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The meeting commenced about 8:00 o'clock. It was held at the Ham 'n' Eggs hall, which was crowded to capacity. Probably about 600 or 700 people were present. SMITH also mentioned that there were people in another room downstairs listening to him via a loudspeaker attachment, as there wasn't sufficient space to seat them in that particular hall.

SMITH explained that it was necessary to meet in such a small hall because there is a conspiracy on foot to deny him a meeting place. However, he is thankful that there are still some places where "we can talk about Americanism". The people who owned that building rented this upstairs hall to him. It will be available for the next two or three weeks at least. SMITH said they were laying the groundwork for this terrific job. "We have had all of the monkey business from these communists and these people who are trying

to overthrow our government that we are going to take. We have a situation here where some Jew who came from Russia could move in to Hollywood and take over the whole community and where we folks who come from Iowa, etc. have a difficult time." (wild applause at this point.)

SMITH then said that he wanted to introduce to them a courageous politician. "Last Monday night at our meeting at the Embassy some one said to me, 'There's a member of the City Council of Los Angeles'. The member came up and shook my hand and said, 'Mr. SMITH, I want to congratulate you. . . . You are the only one who can save America from the conspiracies against America. I want to help you get a meeting place where we can have a great community rally.'"

SMITH said he didn't believe it at first. He thought this man would cool off and change his mind; that the man was swayed by his speech at the Embassy. However, this man was a fighting Irishman and not afraid to express his own convictions. This man told him that he was not going to underwrite everything SMITH said or everything he has said, but "I know that you are an American and I believe in the Constitution of the United States and the right of free speech and free assembly."

SMITH said that a special committee was organized -- the California Committee of Pastors Fighting Nazi Communism. He said that the Nazi underground has joined with the Communist Party and established their secret headquarters in Mexico City. STALIN is using the German army right now to build a great Russian-German Nazi-Communist military machine and intends to float the red flag all over the surface of Europe. We had better put a stop to these red rats with their headquarters in Hollywood or they will be invading us through Alaska on the road we built.

Getting back to this politician, SMITH said that this man went with their Pastors Committee to the Philharmonic Auditorium and signed his own name on the contract. He then introduced MEADE McCLANAHAN. (There was prolonged applause and the audience stood up in tribute.)

McCLANAHAN said that he hadn't come to the meeting to speak; that he had brought his wife and a couple of neighbor ladies. "It is a hot question when you show up at a meeting like this or try to believe in free speech. You are sticking your neck out too far. Some of the people in my district don't believe in free speech. Hope with the aid of GERALD L. K. SMITH and the ministers in Los Angeles and other people who are not afraid, that we will be able to overcome the communist rats in Los Angeles. Incidentally, there are some around the City Hall. Anything I can do to help run them into their holes -- I assure you I will do everything I can." (McCLANAHAN was applauded vigorously.)

SMITH said that when he first came to Los Angeles he was interviewed by the Mayor and asked to leave town as soon as possible. However, he was told that the police would protect him. SMITH said facetiously that McCLANAHAN had asked him to stay and he was going to accept his invitation instead of complying with the Mayor's request to leave town.

He said that his association with McCLANAHAN was not to promote him in the political spotlight. He said that ordinarily city politicians don't have so much courage; that McCLANAHAN knows this fight is either going to put him right on top or roll him down in the gutter.

SMITH spoke about the Embassy Auditorium. He said that the Chairman (Mr. PERKINS) rented the auditorium and paid the rent; that the day before the meeting day they got a call from the Los Angeles Investment Company that operates the Embassy, a Mr. Inyo (phonetic). They were told the meeting was cancelled. They went over there and conferred with the proper authorities, taking LAWRENCE ALLEN along as attorney. They demanded that the Embassy follow through on their contract on the ground that they were denying SMITH and his group their civil liberties. They said they had 500 preachers on their side. They were treated with every courtesy. It seems that all sorts of evil things had been said about SMITH, lies of the most vicious sort. He had a letter from JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, in which HOOVER said that he had no wish to interfere with SMITH's right of free speech and assembly. Finally, the Embassy yielded and said they could have the auditorium.

SMITH said that then the enemy saw that he had been defeated and started making radio announcements over the Warner Bros. station to the effect that the meeting had been called off. He had to put on a telephone campaign and send a lawyer out there to make them retract.

He said that their organization had developed a new technique and that the country is alive with them; that the enemy is scared to death because they don't know just where they are going to break out.

He said there is a certain type of Jewish organization that will attempt to interfere with the Philharmonic meeting; that they spread the word around the pro-communist Jewish groups and then the communists participate in the game; that they will probably call up the management and send 500 telegrams and tie up the telephones of the Philharmonic. They put people in booths just to tie up the telephone. He asked the audience to be prepared to write letters to the management of the Philharmonic, congratulating them on opening the Philharmonic to a Christian meeting.

"When a bunch of Russians can establish themselves in Hollywood and brag that they are going to use the beautiful girls of Hollywood to convert

our returning soldiers to STALIN's communism, and 500 to 900 people affiliated with the California Pastors Committee can't get a place to meet, there's something rotten in America that ought to be cleaned up."

He said that the enemies fear them because they are so effective; that they are going to injure the preachers; that they are going to do everything but murder this man on the City Council. He thinks he is well known but within the next two weeks his name will be a household name in the city of Los Angeles.

In talking about the invitation to the Philharmonic meeting, he said that in sending out mail in open envelopes they frequently encounter sabotage; that it is not uncommon to have their invitations dumped out so the envelopes arrive empty; therefore they have to use first class mail. He said that they fully expect telephone calls and radio announcements and newspaper stories, some deliberate and some innocent, to announce that this meeting will be called off. However, they were not to pay any attention to what anybody says nor what they read that is contrary to the invitation card. "The place for you to be on the 25th of June is at the Philharmonic, no matter what you read or what you hear."

Without any preliminary SMITH stated: "We are not anti-Semitic. We are not out to fight anybody because of his race or his creed, but we are pro-Christian. We contend that when the Supreme Court, as was mentioned by brother WATSON the night of the Embassy, ruled that America was a Christian nation, we contend that was a great ruling. We believe that the only reason that it is safe for a Jew to live in America is because this is a Christian nation. (Applause) Now there are certain types of organized Jews who believe that it is wrong for me to put any emphasis on Christ. I must never say Christ. You must never talk about Christ or his teachers in connection with the Kingdom of God. You must never preach the Kingdom message, although three-fourths of the Bible relates how men should be related to their national government. You must only talk about how to behave on Sunday, but if you say Christ in the White House or in the Lower House or in the Senate or in Sacramento, you must be regarded with suspicion."

SMITH then presented a sample of what he was referring to. He said he was not going to believe that this journal represents the Jews of this city, but it calls itself the B'nai B'rith Messenger, and it says it has more circulation than all the other Jewish journals in California put together. "The meanest thing I am going to do to them tonight is to read their own article." SMITH then asked how many had read the article. There were practically no hands raised. He then asked how many had attended the Embassy meeting. The great majority had. Those who had been at the Embassy could then judge how truthful the article in the Messenger was. At this point SMITH

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said that if there were any newspaper reporters at this meeting they did not need to worry about what SMITH said, but about articles like this.

SMITH then proceeded to read the article in a very sarcastic tone. (The article was published in the B'nai B'rith Messenger on Friday, June 8, and is entitled: "GERALD L. K. SMITH, 'Little Fuehrer,' Invades L. A." by JOYCE NORMAN and JAMES CALDWELL.)

NORMAN and CALDWELL accused SMITH of planning to usher into America the political philosophy of Fascism and Nazism under the title of "Christian Nationalism." At this point SMITH said: "What's wrong with Christian nationalism? What's wrong with glorifying the name of Christ? If the time has come when you can't be a Christian, then God save America!"

The audience followed SMITH's leadership in laughing at a good many of the accusations in the article: The authors mentioned SMITH's connection with HUEY LONG and LONG's statement that "Fascism will come to America under the guise of anti-Fascism." SMITH stated; "That's true. The nearest we ever came to fascism in America was the brain trust New Deal."

SMITH denied that he hated the Jews. All he had said at the Embassy was that WALTER LIPSHITZ WINCHELL made more anti-Semites in one day than all of them put together. He was applauded for that statement. He also denied that he had called the Jews "non-Christian" and "international bankers", but did not elaborate on that denial, going on to the next sentence in the article very quickly.

With reference to the authors' statement about the humanitarian and liberal ideals that ROOSEVELT established, SMITH said: "I hesitate to reach into the grave to get at anybody, but I'm not going to stand back and let them tell me that I am a devil. This idea that he (ROOSEVELT) was a humanitarian and a liberal is all fake. (Applause) We have never had an administration that played into the hands of the international bankers and the monopolists like the ROOSEVELT Administration. Over 400,000 little business men have been sent to the wall during his administration. Less than 100 groups in America have received over 66% of the war contracts of this particular war from the great liberal and humanitarian."

SMITH then told of ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT borrowing \$200,000 from the Atlantic & Pacific; that ELLIOTT had gone to the head of the corporation although they were complete strangers, and told him to call up the President to get his, O. K. on the loan; that this man did so, and the President not only okayed the loan but invited him to visit the White House, and then the A. & P. was forced some years later to report this \$200,000 loan as a loss.

The article stated that GERALD SMITH boasts that fascism may engulf this country in two years. SMITH stated: "They lie because I was the one who carried a petition calling on Congress to outlaw Nazism and Fascism and Communism in the United States of America and I have MARTIN DIES as my witness."

When SMITH read the statement that it was a typical "daffy" Los Angeles crowd that listened to him at the Embassy, there were boos and laughter and applause from the audience. He said he wanted them to know that he wasn't the only one that was attacked. The article referred to the crowd as the "lunatic fringe", and SMITH said that "Now you know what you are". SMITH said that when he first started reading the article no doubt some of those in the audience who did not know him very well thought there might be some truth in it, but since they, too, were attacked, they must realize that it was all lies. The Messenger stated, "There were no G. I. JOES, no workers or professional people". SMITH said, "In other words, we just sent invitations out to the lunatic asylum", and he turned to McCLANAHAN and said, "You see where you are going to have to get your votes next time".

The audience laughed when SMITH read that many of the people at the Embassy were people whose homes had been saved by the magnificent strategy of ROOSEVELT. He denied that he had said that God Almighty had struck down the President. He stated, "I said that God Almighty himself said that the world shall not be ruled by the Big One or the Big Three or the Big Six, and that when any one gets to the place where he wants to have too much power, God Almighty removes him from the scene."

The article ends with the statement that if we allow a rebirth of Hitlerism in this country, then our men will have died in vain. This gave SMITH an opportunity to speak of his son who had been injured during the war, and to exclaim that he cannot understand how they could accuse him, a father, of such things. "I don't know whether these people are suffering from wholesale hysteria or wholesale insanity."

SMITH then stated that there was a rather significant article in the Messenger, which he did not have time to read in its entirety. He referred to the article about Rabbi Berger, who, he said, had become alarmed concerning the very thing that you people have done. He has been touring the country advising the Jews that they must cut out this foolish stuff, and in Seattle action was taken by the Anti-Defamation League to protect the Jews in Seattle from implications and inferences regarding the Armericanism of Jews as ascribed to Rabbi Berger.

SMITH said that they tied Rabbi Berger's visit to Los Angeles in with his (SMITH's) visit. He said that they were suspicious that SMITH and

BERGER are in collusion. (This is SMITH's own idea, as the article in the Messenger makes no mention of it whatsoever.)

SMITH then read that BERGER had stated that a Jew should be for America first and a Jew second. The audience applauded this statement. SMITH went on to say that BERGER was branded a traitor because he refused to say that he should be a Jew first and an American second. SMITH said that he did not know BERGER, whether he is a racketeer or a political strategist or is playing a game, but when he says that every Jew should be an American first and a Jew second, he's right. (He asked the audience to give this statement a real hand, which they did.)

He said that the Jews are always having meetings and the newspapers give them space and publish pictures the next day. "We have the biggest meeting and we get a couple of little stinking paragraphs in the Daily News and nothing in the other papers except some nasty things. He referred to the editorial in the Messenger, "Press Snubs Smith". He said that he had been interviewed by every important newspaper, and that the reporters were just as puzzled about the fact that no stories were published as he was. (Some woman was heard to remark that "The Jews own the newspapers".)

SMITH warned the Jews that it would be better to make friends with "people like these" instead of enemies. SMITH said that he had read the articles so the audience would understand the dishonest technique being employed. "I am going to assume that that paper doesn't represent the anti-Communist Jew. I am going to assume that Rabbi Berger represents the anti-Communist Jew. It is those people that are going to try to keep us from having a meeting at the Philharmonic. It is going to be a red-letter day in the history of the United States of America. It is going to be a day that America will remember. I am going to deal with the great issues of life; the great issues of our nation. Anybody that wants to can sit on the platform if he holds a position of responsibility in the community, whether he be a Jewish Rabbi or a preacher, and if he is a good American he will O. K. everything I say."

He said that the Californians had turned their state over to men like HARRY BRIDGES and EARL BROWDER, and that he didn't want anybody there who was shaky and afraid.

He said that if "I was guilty of what 'these people' accused me of; if I was out to start a purge against people because of their race and their creed, then I wouldn't want to fill the platform of that meeting with pastors." He is going to send a personal invitation to every pastor of every denomination in McCLANAHAN's district, so "you will have witnesses that night when they get ready to smear you."

He asked the people to bring their pastors and their friends to the meeting at the Philharmonic. He stated that in spite of all they say about him, he would give his life for the right of any man to worship any place or under any creed or no creed that his heart dictates. He said the newspapers wouldn't print that, however. "I am not interested in any attack on any race, any creed, any minority, any group. I am only interested in Americanism. I am against STALIN's Christ-killing agents in America."

He named the various denominations, including Nazarene, Church of God, Pentecostal, Pillar of Fire, Christian Scientist, Israelite, Seventh Day Adventists, Church of the Open Door, etc. and found that there was a cross-section represented of all of them. He asked them to take enough cards for the Philharmonic meeting to distribute them in their churches.

He introduced Mrs. SMITH, and said she is just as much in the spirit of this movement as he is.

SMITH said that his enemies were afraid of him because they know he is a good man, that he is clean and loyal to his wife. He said that the enemies of America are determined that they shall destroy the name of Christ; that they shall burn the churches and destroy the ministers of Christ. "Some one said what would it be like to be in Russia? I said all you need to do is to burn down the churches, lock all the priests and preachers in jail, shoot all the business men, and then turn the government over to those left, and that's Russia. How many read that story about what they are planning in Hollywood?" (Very few hands were raised.) "This is about a meeting in Hollywood of 200 rats in which they said they were going to move their headquarters from New York to Hollywood." He read a few sentences and then said, "I think we ought to ship all the red rats to Russia." (Applause) This is the kind of stuff that's promoted by ORSON WELLES". He said that those who attended the meeting were Hollywood and Los Angeles communist sympathizers, many of whom occupy high places in the motion picture industry. He said that the Soviet Union plans to dictate the peace in China. He said, "The rates that are in back of that thing, whether they be the top executives of Hollywood or whatever they are, ought to be in the Federal Penitentiary."

SMITH said that this meeting was held in the Screen Cartoonists Auditorium in Hollywood. He read the article and then said, "If these Russians in Hollywood don't like our system, lets put them on a boat and send them back." He said that even Attorney BIDDLE came out yesterday with a statement to the effect that all the nations except Russia had indicated how much they had spent for propaganda, and that Russia did not register as spending one penny for propaganda in the United States because, said the Attorney General, she operates by methods that do not come under that particular law. She operates through the American Communist Party.

SMITH spoke about the arrest of these men accused of getting information by stealing papers from the State Department. He said these men were doing this in order to deliver China over to the Soviet Russia. He said one of the men calls himself GAYNE, but formerly his name was GINSBERG. He said this man is dangerous. He was arrested as a spy by JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, and this week he writes an article in Colliers -- this so-called American weekly taken over by the lovers of Communism.

The article speaks of the Communist plans to win over the veterans of this war. SMITH said: "Why have they moved to Hollywood? So they can infiltrate into the canteens and the U.S.O. and the army camps, so that the last message will be Communist propaganda. Away with them! Down with them!"

He then said that he was going to tell the true story of HUEY LONG's assassination. He digressed for a moment, however, to say that he didn't hate any one. There are certain British people who are not to blame -- it is the Bank of England run by Rothschild that he is against. The British people are slaves to that as much as we have been slaves to the Federal Reserve Bank right here. "I am in favor of internationalism of the Christian sort -- not the devil's sort." He said at the Conference they would not permit any one to mention the name of God or Christ or permit any one to pray.

He said he would tell the real story about the threat of communism on the right he speaks at the Philharmonic if somebody doesn't shoot him or take him for a ride. "If God lets me live that night I am going to name a bunch of these scums in Hollywood." (At this point some one shouted, "Name Warner Bros. now", and a woman sitting next to me said, "Yes, that stinking Warner Bros.")

SMITH said that a Hollywood actor whose name would be known to every one there, had come up to him in the lobby of his hotel and said, "I want you to know I am 100% for you". This man told him that the rotten part of Hollywood is pretty close to the top, and the rank and file are just as good Americans as those people present at this meeting. SMITH said that back in 1922 JOHN EDGAR HOOVER raided a meeting of the Communists in Bridgeman, Michigan, and arrested 17; that the Communists had the official membership lists buried in the ground, and when they were dug up, the FBI found that the biggest contributor was CHARLES CHAPLIN. He said, "There is a man that has made millions in America, spent most of his time raping young girls, and refuses to become a citizen of the United States. Kick him out!"

He then spoke about HUEY LONG. He said that LONG broke with Mr. ROOSEVELT but not for political purposes. They were recruiting followers at the rate of something like 3,000 a day. "You read nothing but evil about him. The same technique that was employed to smear LINGBERGH, WHEELER and SMITH

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was employed first to smear LONG. His one great crime was that he refused to go along with F.D.R. and his New Deal Brain Trust."

SMITH said that LONG's one prevailing weakness was his fondness for liquor, but he finally persuaded him not to drink and he never touched another drop. He said that LONG stated on the floor of the Senate that "Those who follow me are becoming so strong that my enemies have decided that the only way they can stop us from defeating Mr. ROOSEVELT in 1936 is to kill me." SMITH said that those high up in the New Deal machine were planning actually to have LONG killed; that they met in Room 506 of the De Soto Hotel; that one who is today U. S. District Attorney took down the complete conversation of the men gathered in that room of the National Democratic Committee. Among them was a member of Congress and a candidate who had been approved by Mr. ROOSEVELT as a candidate for Governor of Louisiana. There were 21 in all. There was published in the "Cross and the Flag of September, 1943, a complete photostatic copy of the dictaphone conversation.

He said that STALIN has a paper here in California, which on the 14th of last month in a feature editorial said, 'There is only one thing to do to GERALD SMITH and his ilk like BURTON WHEELER, and that's to shoot him.' "That paper is permitted to use the mails. That's the gang that's setting up the government of the United States of America. I don't want to be shot and I don't want you to be shot. This thing is serious."

Getting back to the conversation in Room 506 re HUEY LONG, SMITH said one of the men stated, "If we shoot him in Washington the President will pardon the man who does it." LONG read this into the Congressional Record on the 9th of August, and he was ridiculed. On the 8th of September he was assassinated by a man named DR. CARL WEISS. Later when the truth was known they found that he had conspired for the assassination in Vienna, Austria, where he had been studying post-graduate medicine.

Later Mr. ROOSEVELT sent down his personal emissary to meet with SMITH and six other men who were powerful in the HUEY LONG group. He said, "Now gentlemen, we have held back Two Hundred Million Dollars which we have not spent in Louisiana because we refused to spend it because HUEY LONG was head of the organization, but now if you will come over to us and pay a visit to Mr. ROOSEVELT and not mention the name of HUEY LONG at the Philadelphia Convention, we will give you this Two Hundred Million Dollars to spend on your friends in Louisiana."

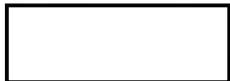
Out of that group of seven men SMITH was the only man who refused to go along, and ROOSEVELT's emissary said that he was the most important of all and if he would consent, he could have anything he wanted. However, SMITH absolutely refused. "You and your gang have murdered my friend. I shall fight you until America has been redeemed!"

SMITH said that when FARLEY wrote his memoirs he as good as admitted that if HUEY LONG had lived Mr. ROOSEVELT would not have been President in 1936. "We are dealing with men who do desperate things when the truth begins to haunt them. Some day the whole of America will know the true story of TYLER KENT, and some of the same people who rejoiced in the assassination of HUEY LONG refuse to tell us the secrets of Pearl Harbor. We are in the hands of the Philistines. I am afraid to have HARRY TRUMAN fly to San Francisco for fear they will kill him on the way. I am afraid for our President if he shows any signs of cutting himself loose from this dreadful machine which would have sold us out and delivered us into the hands of Russia. The Truth will be revealed fully to the world some day how near we came to losing our beautiful America. Pray to God and thank God that STALIN's stooge, HENRY WALLACE, is not President of the United States."

"If there are any New Dealers, anybody that's a Communist here, go on home." SMITH went on to say that they had to rent the room for a whole month in order to get it for one night; that the chairs in the room were rented, and they had to pay \$41.00 for them, and when they were delivered the man demanded \$20.00 more for taking them upstairs, which he had to pay. "Our rent was \$260.00 at the Philharmonic. You paid it, didn't you, preacher, in full?" (PERKINS nodded.) "The Irishman over here signed the contract."

SMITH said that he wants enough to pay the rental on this place, on the Philharmonic, and for the chairs. He said he was not being supported by them but by the national organization, which is supported by people all over the United States. "I am going to take a beachhead here, no matter what happens." He offered to send free of charge to every person who contributed \$1.00, a photostatic copy in his own handwriting of the oration he delivered at HUEY LONG's grave. He offered \$1,000.00 to anybody who can prove that he gets any special subsidy from any rich man, any group or any special interests. He asked for \$1.00 from each of those present, saying that "HILLMAN, the pet of ROOSEVELT, who worked for LENIN, can get that amount from the workers."

A preacher whose name was LINDLEY (phonetic) gave the opening prayer.



furnished the writer with the following card:

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This card will admit bearer and one friend to hear an address by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

at

1204 South Hill St., Los Angeles, California

Tuesday, June 12, 1945 --- 8:00 P.M.

Mr. SMITH is leading the most rapidly growing organization in America. On this occasion he will tell the true secrets behind this growth. He will lift the curtain on Washington, D. C., Yalta Conference and the San Francisco meeting of Nations. He will describe and expose the new Communist party-line. Those who hear this address will have no difficulty understanding why GERALD L. K. SMITH is America's most loved and most hated man.

The New York Herald-Tribune: "Smith is a platform genius if there ever was one."

This meeting is Positively closed to the general public. Admission by card only.

[redacted] furnished this office with a mimeographed letter which was alleged to have been sent from GERALD L. K. SMITH's Detroit Headquarters, the text of which is as follows:

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"BLOOD AND MONEY"

"Los Angeles, California
June - 1945

"Dear Fellow American:

"I dictate this letter in Los Angeles, California, where we have been for about one week since taking a recess from the San Francisco Conference. Some people think of California as the land of vacation and play, but ever since I reached here with members of my staff and Mrs. SMITH, I have done nothing but work and fight, day and night. The entrenched enemy in this community is financed mainly by the alien-minded Communist Russian Jews of Hollywood. I hope to return to San Francisco before the Conference ends.

"Those who are entitled to a special report on this Conference will receive it, but I dare not prepare it in full until the Conference is complete and the State Department has presented its official report. I shall then compare what I know about affairs in San Francisco with what the general public will be asked to believe. The comparison is likely to be very sensational.

"Encouragement -- Among those who are on the inside and actually know what is going on, it is admitted that we Nationalists threw a monkeywrench into the scheme that had been hatched by the international conspirators. Russia has been exposed. The Rothschild-controlled Bank of England and its imperialistically-minded politicians have been thwarted in their scheme to take over our national destiny.

"Because of you who give money to our Party for its educational activities, we were able to set up our temporary headquarters here on the West Coast. We have maintained from five to seven paid workers all the time, not counting extra help brought in to meet emergencies involving meetings and strategic enterprises. While maintaining this staff in San Francisco and elsewhere, it has cost us right at \$100 per day, as you can readily figure, knowing what you do about hotel rates, meals, transportation and the ordinary cost of trained, intelligent workers -- who can be trusted. It has been, indeed, a wise and fruitful investment.

In my last press conference in San Francisco, something like 300 newspapermen attended. They represented practically every nation on earth. I handed out to them a release concerning what I believed to be the plot of San Francisco. It was very enlightening to many of these newspapermen. It gave them something to think about besides the ordinary canned propaganda handed out by the State Department. The powers that be were so alarmed over what I might say in a press conference that they forbade any hotel to permit me the use of a conference room in which to meet the newspapermen. Therefore, on a Friday I announced to the press that I would be eating lunch with members of my staff in the Hotel Palace. I told them that at 1:30 we would walk into the lobby and interview the newspapermen, at which time I would hand out a statement exposing a portion of the plot against our country being hatched by the enemies of Americanism.

"The moment I reached the lobby of this large hotel, it was jammed completely with representatives of the press over-curious to read what we had printed and to hear what I had to say. In about ten minutes we moved into a larger portion of the lobby. Ten minutes later we were ordered into the street by the bureaucratic-controlled police. (It had been reported that the Russian delegation would leave the Conference if the State Department did not take action to show their disapproval of our Christian Nationalism.) I led the crowd (mostly newspapermen, of course) into the street where they listened with polite and sustained interest. They reached for my printed press release as though I was handing out \$20 bills. Thereupon I left the newspapermen and returned to my hotel in the company of Mrs. SMITH.

"A California clergyman, who has been a keen observer of national and international affairs for years, said: "Mr. SMITH, when the history of this Conference is written, it can well be said that you were the one who spoiled the plans of the plotters and broke up the thing as it originally had been schemed."

"I have combined the statement I made to the press this day together with the statement that I made at my other conference for the press at San Francisco, and I will send one of these copies to every person who uses the coupon on this month's donation letter. There will be no delay in this statement as it is already prepared and will be mailed out to you just as soon as your coupon arrives in response to this letter.

"While in San Francisco a committee from Los Angeles waited on me, urging that I open the crusade in Southern California. Arrangements were made for me to speak in a prominent place known as the Embassy Auditorium. The usual invitation cards were printed and distributed. Thousands of people planned to attend. Two days before the meeting, because of pressure from certain Jews and the Communists, the management of the building (a Trust Company) notified our committee that the contract was cancelled and that I would not be permitted to speak. Members of our committee, together with an attorney, demonstrated to the management that the contract could not be cancelled. Therefore, the meeting went off as scheduled. The enemy organized a vicious telephone campaign and for two straight days threatened the management with telephone calls, vicious letters and telegrams.

"Thwarted in their attempt to cancel the auditorium, they tried another vicious stunt. Early the day of the meeting Warner Bros. radio station began announcing that the meeting was called off. A good Christian lawyer, with plenty of moral courage as well as prominence in the community, acting as our spokesman, immediately served notice on the radio station that retractions must be made. The station was bombarded with telephone calls from Nationalists, and three retractions were made. Thus, the final result was decidedly in our favor. The auditorium, which seats between 2500 and 3000 people was packed by 8o'clock. Between 300 and 500 people stood. Hundreds were turned away. Since that meeting, the expressed enthusiasm in the community has been tremendous.

"I have been in conference hourly with devoted Americans. Two large leadership meetings, running into hundreds, have been held, and a big super community mass meeting is being organized.

"Just before writing this letter I was on the long distance telephone in communication with our Salt Lake City committee and our Denver committee. Great pressure was put on the city government of Denver by certain pro-Communist Jews, and the auditorium was cancelled. Another meeting place has been arranged and this meeting will go off, God willing, as planned at a date to be announced.

"Our big fight in the near future is with Communism. The Red rats are coming out of their holes and will do all in their power to take over our Nation. STALIN's Russia has refused to permit our newspapermen and our soldiers to enter Berlin without their consent. What goes on in the countries which Russia has occupied is a big secret, even though we put up the money and paid the bills with Lend Lease.

"The Red Communists in America have united with the Nazi underground and have established their headquarters in Mexico City. They are organized in every community, hamlet, precinct, school and factory. The moment we have anything that looks like a break with Russia, these Red traitors will begin to blow up our ships, dynamite our factories, shoot our patriots, and stab our Nation in the back. The real issue of the future will be: Christian civilization versus atheistic Communism.

"The day is close at hand when millions of people will begin to realize that you and I have been right all along.

You may have been persecuted in the past, but you will be praised in the future for the stand you have taken with me.

"I am anxious to see my friends in the East and Middlewest, and I look forward with pleasant anticipation to my speaking tour this summer which will reach, God willing, through the areas bounded by Minneapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Boston, and New York.

"You will be happy to know that our Nationalist News Service, with headquarters in Washington (made possible by your financial support) is going ahead with encouraging growth. We are now serving nearly 100 periodicals. The combined circulation of these periodicals will run over one million. Therefore, through your help in this one enterprise, we are reaching a million new people with the truth.

"In view of what I have just told you, I know that it is unnecessary for me to prove to you how important your monthly contribution is. Some of you might be able to give as much as \$100 at this critical time. Whether your contribution is \$1.00 or \$100, believe me, it will serve a great purpose. It is my frank opinion that there has never been a time in my life when money could be used to greater advantage for the education and inspiration of our people.

"We have been fighting the Super State conspiracy in your behalf, and we have fought it successfully. The Charter which will be approved at San Francisco, because of our fight, will be much less than what was planned by the enemies of America. Then when it comes to the Senate, we must all be on hand to fight in order that no document be approved that would share our money and our blood with any nation on earth without the consent of our elected representatives.

"Russia is determined that she shall control whatever world organization is approved at San Francisco. It is the desire of the Russians and other Imperialists to set up a Super State with a congress above our Congress, a constitution above our constitution, and even a flag above our Flag. Although we have dealt the schemers a terrific blow, we must not relax or they will betray our country during the summer, while honest people are harvesting the crops and doing their

other work. In normal times, summer is vacation time, but this is one summer when we dare not close our eyes one minute to what is going on.

"A Super State with STALIN and the Imperialists in command could keep your son and loved one in Europe and Asia indefinitely. Such a Super State could take our country into war and tax us to pay the bill without the consent of our elected representatives. The international schemers and plotters are after just two big things -- our blood and our money. We must make our United States Senators realize that they will be committing treason if they ever give consent to a plan that would permit the representatives of foreign nations to vote our sons into battle or to vote money out of our public treasury.

"United States Senator BURTON K. WHEELER has been visiting Europe. He wanted to go over with our Senators into Russian-held territory. He was denied the right to tour countries under the Red flag of Russia. The political propagandists in San Francisco actually want us to share our sovereignty with a Russia who refuses to permit members of our treaty-making Senate to even visit Berlin and Vienna.

"The desperation of STALIN's agents in America is best revealed by an editorial which appeared in the Stalinist newspaper circulated in San Francisco which asserted in no uncertain words that the only way to deal with GERALD L. K. SMITH and his kind was with liquidation by execution. When a daily newspaper, supporting STALIN's program in San Francisco, calls for my execution by a firing squad or a handman's noose, you can see how these Red traitors fear our Christian American crusade. They have cause to fear us.

"If we are successful in bringing pressure to bear on the United States Senate against a Super State program, the Reds and their agents will become increasingly desperate. Reliable informers tell me that already STALIN insists that he will not help us with the Japanese war unless we give him and his Communist agents full sway in China, Korea and Manchuria. France and Italy are going Communist. The Red flag flies over Berlin where once the Swastika waved. Christians released from the concentration camps of Hitler's Germany are being held in the concentration camps of Russia. American soldiers in Poland have been transferred from German prisons to Russian

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custody. No less a journalist than GEORGE SOKOLSKY says that it is believed these American boys are being held in prison by the Russians until we recognize the puppet Communist government of STALIN in Poland.

"We must be poised and ready for the rise of Communism in America. This Red dragon of hate, bloodshed and death, at this very moment, is devouring the Christians of Poland and the other helpless nations. This vile beast which now holds 20 million Christians in the concentration camps of Russia, now reaches out for America with its bloody hand. We who fight this monster must depend on such as you to support us.

"Warning! Warning! Warning! When hot weather comes, it is easy for people to neglect their mail and to forget to read important letters such as this. If you neglect our crusade now, you will crucify this cause during the very summertime when we must fight every minute, day and night. I know you will not neglect your compatriots in this hard battle.

"Please use the attached coupon. Fill it out immediately and remember as soon as your coupon reaches our office in Detroit we will mail you copies of the press statement which I handed out in San Francisco after being driven into the street by the police.

"God has used these critical situations in my life to help warn America. As a beggar for my country, I plead with you and beg of you to stand with me. I shall never weaken. I shall never compromise. I shall never turn back. With your help and increased help, I shall carry on across the nation more vigorously and more effectively than ever.

Yours for Christ and America,

GERALD L. K. SMITH

P.O. BOX 459
Detroit 31, Michigan
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"GERALD L. K. SMITH
AMERICA FIRST PARTY
POST OFFICE BOX 459
DETROIT 31, MICHIGAN

Yes, I want a copy of the release you gave out to the newspapermen when the police threw you into the street in San Francisco. I want you to know that I will stand with you during this difficult summer. I am enclosing as my June donation \$_____ to be used by the Party for big meetings, literature, activities in Washington, nationwide tour, and the maintenance of the national headquarters. I am making my gift as generous as possible, knowing that your trip and that of your staff to the West Coast has been a drain on the treasury.

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The following report was submitted by

The meeting of June 18, 1945, was held at the Ham 'n' Eggs building, and the hall was not filled by any means, there being a number of empty seats. SMITH immediately stated that not very many invitations were sent out; that this was supposed to be in the nature of a workers meeting -- that only one-fourth as many cards were sent. He estimated that there were about 500 present.

SMITH said that he was anticipating the meeting on the 25th; that it would be one of the great rallies of Los Angeles, one of the most sensational and dynamic. "You won't believe it when I tell you all of the things that happened since you were here last time. Terrible things are going to happen this week. We don't know what we are going to have to do and how quick er are going to have to do it." He then said that it would be necessary to have a meeting in that room again on Friday night for last minute instructions. He said he was addressing himself only to those people who are really interested in this cause.

"You have never seen -- and I am not going to take this back next week -- I won't have to --- you have never seen more different kinds of vicious things done to stop a meeting than you are going to see between now and next Monday night."

He then said that he had another article in the B'nai B'rith Messenger this week. "May I say this -- that this paper, although it is published by Jews, does not represent all the Jews. There are two factions of Jews: one faction is for the Jews first, and the other puts the country first -- so I am told."

"Rabbi BERGER came here a few weeks ago and said that the Jews are going to have to put America first instead of the Jews first or they are going to get into trouble, and they trounced on him almost as badly as they did on me."

SMITH then read the article in the June 15 issue of the Messenger entitled, "GERALD L. K. SMITH Hails Rabbi BERGER 'Good Jew'". The audience was amused at the article and interrupted SMITH several times by laughter. However, apparently this was not the reaction SMITH wanted, and he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I want to say just a word. These pro-Communist Jewish organizations that come in to cover my meeting -- I want to say whoever the spokesman is that is here tonight -- this may appear harmless to you people, but I want to say you prove yourself to be hysterically wrong when you smear whole bodies of people whom you don't know. If I was a representative of the Jewish race, the race that has been worked on and worked over in Europe where they haven't had a place to live for many years, I would use my paper to make friends. (Applause).

SMITH announced that he would read the article in the previous issue of the Messenger (June 8) regarding BERGER "just to show you how a pro-Communist Jewish paper treats even a Jew when he comes out for America First."

When he got to that point in the article indicating that BERGER had stated: 'In America, for instance, we feel a Jew should be an American first and a Jew afterward', SMITH said: "Now, ladies and gentlemen, that's what the Rabbi stood for and that's what this organization condemned him for, with the exception of one vote. Now I believe you should be a Norwegian in Norway and a German in Germany and a Frenchman in France, and an Englishman in England and a Jew in Palestine or Hungary or any place else, but anybody who comes here and is allowed the liberty that he has on this soil ought to put his country first or we ought to ship him out of this country." (The audience applauded enthusiastically.) "No matter whether he is an Irishman or a Frenchman or a Jew or anybody else. I think CHARLES CHAPLIN ought to be kicked out." (Here again the audience showed their enthusiasm).

SMITH read a few more sentences of the article and then said, "The biggest fake is that Jesus was a Jew. He was not a Jew. He was an Israelite. They were fair-haired and God said the Israelites were to be the chosen people. I don't see anybody around here publishing papers like this that looks like my Lord looked. I have a book that I think is the most sensational expose of that. A lot of people don't realize it but it can be proved by the scriptures that Jesus was not a Jew. He was an Israelite. There is a lot of difference between an Israelite and a Jew. You have never seen an artist's conception of Jesus that looked like the modern Jew, have you? They are trying to put over a deal on us. He is not and never was a Jew. (The audience applauded at this point vigorously). "'The Modern Cananites' by JONATHAN PERKINS proves that completely to my satisfaction." He then said that he was going to see that each and every one of those present would get a copy of the book between now and the next few days.

At this point SMITH hadn't progressed very far in the article because of his digressions. He had just started to read another sentence when he was interrupted by the arrival of McCLANAHAN. Mrs. McCLANAHAN was with him. The audience became very excited and applauded, rising in tribute to him.

SMITH immediately made mention of the fact that this was supposed to be a workers meeting, and that only a few invitations had been sent out. SMITH then said, "I am going to recite to you tonight one of the greatest examples of courage that I have heard anything about. They are going to call you anti-Semitic, Mr. McClanahan. I am just reading this paper. I just got through saying if any one is not willing to put his own country first where he is making his money we ought to put him on a boat and send him back where he came from." (With that statement SMITH completely dropped the Messenger article, and never mentioned it at all, not even to say that he didn't have any time to read it.)

"Now ladies and gentlemen I want to tell you some of the things that have happened since I saw you last week. As you understand, we arranged to rent the Philharmonic and the contract has been signed by Mr. McCLANAHAN and Mr. PERKINS. The first editions of the paper, the Daily News, came out Saturday announcing Councilman McCLANAHAN had signed the contract. That day it was necessary for him on the business of the city to go up to Boulder Dam and to inspect with other members of the City Government the water system upon which Los Angeles depends, and while he was gone the enemy proceeded to put on a campaign of terrorism and intimidation which you could scarcely believe if you were told the full details. They called Mrs. McCLANAHAN in her home; they used all sorts of profanity; they tied up the telephone in his office in the city hall; they have used profanity so vicious and so vile that I couldn't repeat it. There are scores and scores of letters on his desk and over a hundred coercive and threatening telegrams. He has been called and

telephoned from all over the city. Mrs. McCLANAHAN, if she had not been accustomed to tough fights, would have perhaps been frightened to death because they have threatened him physically, threatened him every other way."

SMITH said there were only two Christian names signed to all the letters and wires McCLANAHAN had received. "I know there are certainly some Jews that don't want to develop that kind of ill will. For God's sake why don't you call off those people. They will hurt nobody but themselves."

SMITH said that the last edition of the Daily News on Saturday afternoon announced that the management of the Philharmonic had cancelled the contract and were not going to permit them to hold the meeting. He said one of his friends dropped in and congratulated the manager on renting the hall to them. SMITH became angry: "The Temple Baptist Church owns it. Over 600 preachers have requested invitations; 50 and a hundred preachers are going to be on the platform; most of the tickets have been distributed, directly and indirectly by the ministers of the gospel. You would naturally have thought the management would have been flattered to have had such a showing of Christian people fighting communism coming into their building."

Getting back to his friend, he stated that the manager told him that the contract was cancelled. SMITH, upon being informed of this fact, went over with his friend to see the manager. The manager was quite impressed with SMITH, and didn't think he was at all the type of man he had been told he was. SMITH said [redacted] treated him courteously. "I will tell you why we have trouble. You people sit back and allow these vicious folks to do all the telephoning. Every one of you should have called [redacted] and encouraged him to keep his contract. I am going to teach you how to do things; otherwise you are going down with a bunch of these rats on your neck."

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"We had a spokesman call up and tell them we don't want to sue anybody." [redacted] said they are reconsidering the matter. "Mr. McCLANAHAN talked to them today. Several other people talked to them today. They are beginning to realize that the best people want this meeting."

SMITH then announced that he had received a request from BOB SHULER, stating that he wanted to appear on the platform. (The audience applauded.) "If these pro-Communist Jews can persuade a Baptist Church to kick 100 preachers into the street and three or four thousand people because we want to fight Communism to save America, then we are in a hell of a fix in Los Angeles. They (the Philharmonic) had their deadline meeting tonight, and I don't believe they are going to do it. We are not asleep and we have several other places lined up, and we are not going to tell anybody where they are. Their Board of Directors, I believe, are going to keep the contract. No matter what you read in the paper or hear, unless you get it from me, over my signature --

and double check on that because it is easy for some rat to copy a signature -- come to the entrance of the Philharmonic next Monday. Should the pressure of these diabolical Babylonians be too great, we will have a staff of about 200 people that will hand you a card, and that card will admit you to another meeting place close enough for you to walk over, but I am not going to tell the enemy where that is. If these evil enemies of Christianity succeed in denying us the right of free assembly at the Philharmonic and I have to walk you to another place, you are going to hear the hottest speech that has ever been made on the West Coast."

SMITH then read an article dated June 12, referring to an occurrence in Champaign, Illinois. It had reference to religious education in public schools, to which a Mrs. McCLATCH (phonetic) objected. SMITH stated that she was backed by the Chicago Action Council, and that the school Board in Champaign had received a letter demanding that the classes be discontinued; that the letter was signed by Rabbi WEINSTEIN, in addition to some Christian ministers. SMITH said this was the Council that had attempted to keep him from holding his last big meeting in Chicago; that they had done everything but shoot him in order to prevent that meeting.

Three days ago, SMITH said, he received a telephone call from the Associated Press. They told him they had a despatch that had just come from Moscow which they wanted to read to him for his comment. The Sunday Times carried the article later.

The article attacks a small group of Americans who sought to defeat every effort to drive Nazism from the face of the earth. Members of this group include: WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, McCORMICK, SMITH, COUGHLIN, WILEY of Wisconsin and TAFT of Ohio. They also named HENRY LUCE, although they did not include him as a member of this particular group.

SMITH was quite pleased at being included with this group. He told them that on the same week that the rats decided to remove their strategic headquarters from New York City to Hollywood, "we launched a campaign with 1000 preachers of the gospel to keep out Communism in the United States of America.

SMITH had a copy of the Peoples Daily World. He told them this was STALIN's official organ in the United States, and that it is financed and maintained by the Communist Party. (Some one in the audience said, "The New Deal", but SMITH ignored it.) "This is the paper that endorsed Mr. AIDLIN for the City Council in opposition to Mr. McCLANAHAN. Mr. McCLANAHAN had the support of the Christian element. AIDLIN had the support of the left-wing element and some of the misguided people who were not in the left-wing.

"Rev. MAGNIN called together some modernist preachers and some liberal leaders to try to get them to come out with a statement against GERALD L. K. SMITH and against Mr. McCLANAHAN. May I say this: that if there is any Jewish statesman here; if there is a Jew in this audience that realizes what's going on, you will go out and place tell your compatriots to organize a program to make friends, not a program to make enemies. Why should any Rabbi want me to be denied the right of free speech or Mr. McCLANAHAN? Let them have their synagogues and their rallies and everything else, but for God's sake, let us alone. I'm not going to interfere with them."

SMITH said that another article appeared in an earlier issue that was most revealing -- to the effect that certain labor leaders of left-wing groups have been called on by the FBI to identify all the Communists in their labor organization because, says the Communist organ, the FBI investigator revealed that they had been ordered to investigate every Communist in labor because a break with Russia was expected. "I am not going to prophecy arbitrarily. I believe the FBI knows what they are doing and I believe the Communists know what they are going to do. I believe they are moving out of Hollywood. I don't believe they are going to help us beat Japan unless they go in at the last minute. If ever Russia is going to pay us back for all the billions we have spent, now is the time to do it. Not one more penny until she helps us whip Japan! (Wild applause).

"We don't want these red rats that are threatening Mrs. McCLANAHAN, the Philharmonic, and me and you; that are going to sabotage our factories and invade us through Alaska down the road we built for them to use, called the Alcan Highway. I know what I am talking about. I just got a message from Washington, D. C. WHEELER is back from his trip from Europe. (Applause). Members of the Committee have been interviewed by my man who works for us (I can't tell you which members), but I will have the lowdown on that visit for my meeting next Monday at the Philharmonic. It is so sensational it will fill three books." "These rats are out to kill and liquidate. The reason my name was along with five others in the Moscow paper is because they are the ones that are marked to be killed first.

"It is an honor to be in 'Under Cover' along with HIRAM JOHNSON and to be on the front page with McCORMACK."

SMITH assured the people that nobody was going to publish anything about him that would embarrass him, that was true. Of course, he couldn't tell what lies they would invent. He has no skeletons in his closet. "I am saying that a week ahead of the time when you are going to see heaven and earth moved in order to keep me from making that speech next Monday night at the Philharmonic, on top of the Philharmonic, in a hall, on the street or somewhere -- God willing I am going to deliver the hottest speech that has ever been made in the city of Los Angeles next Monday night.

"Brother FLOYD WOODWARD is the District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, which includes 525 preachers; 350 churches. He will be in the platform. Brother LONG, who leads over 10,000 young people in connection with this district of the Assemblies of God; Brother BOB SHULER of Trinity Methodist Church will participate; Brother WILSON of the Seminary Baptist Church, who prayed tonight; Brother STADSKLEV of Minneapolis, etc. 600 have requested invitations for the meeting."

SMITH said he wasn't going to discuss the important issues tonight, but asked those who could do some telephoning to so indicate by raising their hands. He said that he fully expected one of the radio stations or more than one to announce over the radio on Monday that there is no meeting, then it would be necessary to make some telephone calls. He said that many methods had been used to prevent his speaking in various places, that at one time he had been locked in a barn for a couple of hours.

He asked PERKINS about "The Modern Cananites", asking how many pages it contained. He said again it made a complete exposé of the idea that so many of us have been set on for so many years; that it is one of the most sensational things he had ever seen.

He decided to take the offering at that time. It seems the one last Monday just barely paid the expenses. \$312 was the sum collected last week, and they had paid \$100 for the chairs; \$100 rental for the room, and additional expenses in printing and postage, so what they gave last week paid nothing on the expense of the Philharmonic meeting.

After the offering McCLANAHAN spoke. He said, "The so-called minority groups are always demanding free speech", but apparently didn't believe in it for SMITH; that two newspapers had endorsed him. He hadn't heard from the Hollywood Citizen News, but he had from the Los Angeles Times. He asked the people to call and write the Times. "Tonight one of the commissioners of the City Hall called me just before I left and told me that the group that supported my campaign are beginning to get busy and going to circulate recall petitions because of my efforts to get the right of free speech in Los Angeles, so I may call on you to get over to the 13th district and raise some more of that "underground storm" that Mr. SMITH mentioned. One other thing, Mr. SMITH doesn't know that I have among you tonight one of the finest Jewish women sitting in this auditorium that lives in the city of Los Angeles (applause). It is a lady whom I admire very much. She is not one of the red or radical element. I have tried to assure the Times and those who have contacted me that I am not fighting the Jews; I am not anti-Semitic; that I have not heard GERALD L. K. SMITH make the statement yet that he is anti-Semitic. He has criticized some of the actions of the radical element, or the liberal element as they phrase it, but I am only interested in the right of free speech. I

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am interested to see that Communism doesn't work, not only in California but in the United States, and if my Jewish friend who was my opponent in the campaign succeeds along with his friends in getting recall petitions out for they feel this is a very opportune time to try it before I start on my full term -- I am going to have [redacted] one of the finest ladies that I have ever known, stand up. (Applause)

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[redacted] stood up and McCLANAHAN said that she is Jewish and not ashamed of it. She is the brand of Judaism that Mr. SMITH isn't fighting. "If he was I wouldn't stand on this platform tonight. This lady does not represent any red movement at all. She is a wonderful lady and a tribute to the good Jewish people, and we have many in our midst. She has sons in the war. Mr. SMITH didn't know what I would say tonight; in fact, he didn't know I would be here."

He again asked the people to write the Times, saying he would like to get a little backbone in them. "Several of them are real Americans and I admire them, but after all it's the advertising that pays the way and the advertisers I gather are the ones that are putting the heat on. It is getting uncomfortable for them, too. I am not asking Mr. SMITH to pull out but they are asking me to pull out and stay out of the Philharmonic, but I am going to be there."

After McCLANAHAN was finished, some woman rose and said she had had some contact with [redacted] and knows that she is a good humanitarian.

SMITH: "I want to say concerning these very alarming things that Mr. McCLANAHAN has told us. I told you in the beginning that you were going to see some of the most dreadful things. Here's a man elected by the people only six weeks ago. All he did was to come out for the constitutional rights of a man. This man doesn't underwrite all my politics; he doesn't know me that well. He came out just naturally for my right of free speech and here these rascals are threatening to start a recall petition. If they start a recall petition we will flood the 13th district with workers and with letters (Applause and shouts from the audience). I would like to see [redacted] head one of the first petitions over there in that district."

"I don't have much faith in the average city politician, and when I first met McCLANAHAN I was suspicious -- thought I would see how he stood up under heat. There is such a thing as a good omen. My secretary made a mistake when she cut the stencil in the letter I sent out -- she put "Congressman" McCLANAHAN instead of Councilman."

"When we hold that meeting we know the place will be packed. The only reason we don't have these seats full tonight is because we cut down on

the invitations. Every time we have a place open, I don't care whether it is a baseball park or a stadium, we will everything. Get there early because we want the right people down in the amen corner. When MACK stands up yell your heads off like he has just been elected President of the United States. Brother PERKINS, I am going to suggest that three or four thousand people join as one body to join Mr. McCLANAHAN in case these rats try to recall him. (Applause.) Consider that the resolution of the Committee of 500 (SMITH said there were 500 people at this meeting). They are going to make him anything he wants to be with their recall petition -- Governor or anything else because this thing is the issue. Write a letter to the Los Angeles Times. They supported Mr. McCLANAHAN. Can't understand why they don't come to his defense."

SMITH then announced that the meeting was open to questions. Some one asked about the sedition trial, and SMITH said that he understood that "WALTER LIPSHITZ" had said they are not going to be tried. He said 33 people were indicted for so-called sedition; that some of them might have been guilty but it was not proven; that actually they were indicted because they were anti-Semitic, anti-New Deal and anti-Communist.

KULLGREN (one of the indictees) was there. He appeared to be very bitter. Said he had been abandoned and forgotten because the people had no intestinal fortitude. SMITH explained that KULLGREN had been indicted at first, but on the last indictment the Grand Jury after a further investigation removed his name from the list. KULLGREN tried to go into detail about his arrest, but SMITH cut him short. Apparently he didn't like the tone of his voice which showed that he felt he had been betrayed.

During the question period an inquiry was made about TYLER KENT. SMITH said that a Committee of United States Senators went out and visited "there" and demanded that he be brought into an American port and tried in an American court.

Another question was: "How can we drive the Communists out of key positions in our government?" SMITH replied that the Communists are already discouraged since TRUMAN became President; that ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, who has petted and pampered Communism for twelve years, recently came out with a statement against the Communists. "It means she is trying to get off a boat that smells pretty bad."

SMITH mentioned [redacted] who used to be one of the chief organizers of the Communist Party, and has renounced them. He said Mrs. ROOSEVELT hounded him for years and caused him to lose his jobs.

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One man whose name I did not get, made a short talk about Communism. Said he had been fighting Communism for 13 years. SMITH said that he had heard

him speak in Pershing Square.

Question: "I would like to know if Father COUGHLIN is still a member of America First?"

SMITH said he would tell them about COUGHLIN: "Right after Pearl Harbor the same elements that are trying to recall Mr. McCLANAHAN wanted COUGHLIN's blood, they wanted his life. He wasn't scared and the Bishop he had, Bishop GALLAGHER was very sympathetic. However, his new Bishop wasn't sympathetic with Father COUGHLIN's viewpoints, and it was the decision of the church that he be silenced. He is now the pastor of a big Catholic parish -- the Church of the Little Flower. He has a boys' school and a girls' school. He devotes his full time there. However, he still feels as deeply as he always has, as we do ourselves. When certain shackles of bureaucracy are broken, I am certain that Father COUGHLIN will be back on the radio again. (Applause).

Question: Is it or is it not a fact that HENRY WALLACE is a follower of Marxism, and whether he is a good angel that the Communists might have as their candidate as President of the United States because he tallies up the closest?

SMITH replied that he had been faced with that question for years; that he believes WALLACE to be a very shrewd man, and that he is a pro-Communist "Remember that Professor WORTH of Gary, Indiana, testified before a Congressional Committee in which he said, employing the word 'Brain Trust' for the first time, 'A Brain Trust has been formed which is planning to communize America.'" SMITH said that WALLACE was present at that dinner. Then in October, 1942, at Madison Square Gardens WALLACE was the main speaker at the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the revolution, "where they murdered 20 million Christians", SMITH said. We had better be thankful that HENRY WALLACE is not the President of the United States.

In answer to a question as to whether the C.I.O. represents the Communist movement, SMITH said that they positively do not, but the Communist movement has filtered into the C.I.O. and in many instances controls their locals. He said the C.I.O. was sometimes called the Communist International Organization, although the initials actually stood for Congress of Industrial Organizations.

One of the men in the audience asked if it was not a fact that Senator BORAH denounced the money changers and the internationalists, and that three days later he was murdered. SMITH said he wasn't murdered, that he died, he thought of old age, which he understood was the diagnosis. However, he added: "When you cut in on the money changers, you are dealing with a dangerous dose."

One of the women there asked a question regarding the pension for mothers. Her son was killed in the war. This gave SMITH an opportunity for a tirade against ROOSEVELT; that it was ROOSEVELT who vetoed the bonus; it was his picture on the billboards that fought the Ham 'n' Eggs group; that it was ROOSEVELT who reduced the pension to the veterans of the last war to such a small pittance that many of them committed suicide, etc.

The climax, which at first brought a gale of laughter from the audience, was when a woman asked the question: "Has anybody seen ROOSEVELT since he was a corpse?"

SMITH immediately said: "That wasn't so funny. I was asked that question a few months ago. I have never found anybody who saw anybody who said that they saw the body of FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT." He said the most sensational story concerning that was published in the Denver Post, with the headline: "Stalin Doubts Roosevelt Death". The story dealt with the efforts of a Russian envoy to get the casket opened so he could view ROOSEVELT's body. However, they denied his request. SMITH also told that JAMES ROOSEVELT arrived two hours late for the services, and they refused to open the casket for him -- because it was out in public. SMITH said there have been a number of rumors, among them the one of suicide, which is believed by a good many, and then, too, there is the fact that an unidentified Russian artist was the last person to be alone with ROOSEVELT.

One of the men in the audience said that he had received a message from the medical profession, from which he retired many years ago, saying that ROOSEVELT's body had turned so black and hideous that they would not permit it to lie in state. It appears that Jesus Christ had done this thing so as to give the Christians one more chance.

SMITH introduced the Rev. STADSKLEY of Minneapolis, who spoke briefly about what a great honor it had been to have SMITH there in Minneapolis. "I believe SMITH is the man raised up by God for this hour." (Applause and amens from the audience.)

SMITH asked the audience to take from five to fifty cards announcing the meeting at the Philharmonic, and to pass them out in their churches and places of business and among their important friends who would be interested in the meeting.

"There will definitely be a meeting here Friday night to get the last minute dope on what's going on. Maybe they will have him recalled by Friday night, I don't know."

He gave the audience the telephone number of the Philharmonic and told them not to be unkind and mean when they called and asked them not to forget to write to the Los Angeles Times.

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CHARLIE CARTWRIGHT conducted the singing. Rev. SWIFT of Lancaster was on the platform also.

Copies of the publication "Money" were distributed after the meeting, as were: "Boondoggling A War" by ANN M. WOLF; a circular inviting the people to a special meeting at Assembly Hall to hear CONRAD CAARD and CHARLIE CARTWRIGHT. EARL C. CRAIG distributed copies of cards advertising the Public Affairs Forum on Tuesday evenings.

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Mr. and Mrs. GERALD L. K. SMITH arrived about 8:15. With them on the platform were: Rev. RECORD (who gave the invocation), Rev. SWIFT of Lancaster, Calif., PERKINS, and a U. S. Army Chaplain, Capt. CHARLIE CARTWRIGHT.

"The purpose of this meeting", SMITH said, "is to make sure that all the emergencies are met in preparation for our great gathering Monday night. This is not a public meeting. Any one who is not interested in promoting the cause we represent is not welcome because you are not supposed to be here. Of course we always have some stooges in here. We always have some who sneak in. That doesn't bother us. We have these closed meetings not because we are doing anything we are ashamed of, but just as you would get together with your own family to discuss problems that are unique to your family."

SMITH then announced that there were a number of things he wanted to take up with them that evening, and that afterwards there would be a meeting with a group that are going to help handle the crowd next Monday night. He said Monday night's meeting would be an historic event. "The date and the time and the circumstances surrounding this meeting will be in the history books if our nation survives the plots that are being hatched against it.

"Don't think the red rats that are out to betray America are not on the job. You say, 'Why do they fight GERALD L. K. SMITH so?' May I say that is just as much a mystery to me as it is to you. One reason I believe that they are fighting us so is because we are so effective. They realize we are growing by leaps and bounds and spreading like a prairie fire.

"The Mayor of the city has called in the newspapers and up until now they have agreed on silence. Last Saturday afternoon was the last thing published when the Daily News said the meeting was cancelled. They haven't changed or corrected that although members of our staff have called them every day and assured them that the meeting was on, but they have not published that the meeting was not cancelled.

"Our left-wing pro-Communist Jewish element have not overlooked a thing from the threatening of bloodshed to the threat of blowing up the building. The Communist Party has made so many threats on my life that the Police Department contacted Mrs. SMITH today in order that we might have police escorts to and from the meeting and at the meeting. I have no peculiar notions concerning my holiness. I am just as imperfect as any man can be, but I know I am doing God's work, and I know the reason I am hated so is because the children of Satan don't want Christian America to survive.

"I am going to tell you some things so sensational tonight that have happened to me since I saw you last time, that you will have to hold on to your seats. On last Saturday afternoon they cancelled our contract at the Philharmonic Auditorium. We had written invitations to people all over California. We had requests from over 500 preachers. We had paid the rent on the building -- \$260.00, not counting all the various little things they keep adding after that. Then I called up a firm of attorneys and they saw the management, and then I went over and saw the management, and on Monday and Tuesday they agreed to reconsider the contract, although we had signed the contract, Mr. McCLANAHAN, a member of the City Council had signed the contract. You would think that naturally when a member of the City Council had signed the contract, that they would hold to it.

"I know the Jews are represented here tonight, and if there are any rationally-minded Jews here tonight, go and warn the other ones to stop these crazy ones from getting your whole race in bad. (Applause).

"The staff of the Philharmonic has had to double their staff of girls just to answer telephone calls. The representatives of the May Company have threatened to take their advertising out of all the newspapers if they publish anything I say or say anything favorable about it. They have threatened a recall petition against Councilman McCLANAHAN. One big advertising agent said to his (McCLANAHAN's) stenographer, 'Don't worry, that rat won't be here long.' 'Don't worry, we are taking him out and soon!'"

SMITH said that on Tuesday he received the conditions under which he would be permitted to speak and under which the contract would be kept. He said it was a most sensational document. "When I get through reading this every person in this house with any sense of emotion or self-respect is going to groan or feel like groaning."

He referred to a letter which he said was addressed to JONATHAN PERKINS and Mr. McCLANAHAN:

'Gentlemen: (This is from the Auditorium Company. I am reading it not to condemn the Auditorium Company, but to give you an idea of what people do when they get scared to death.)

'In reference to the contract for the Philharmonic Auditorium, dated June 7, for the evening of June 25, 1945, the Auditorium Company will waive its cancellation if the following conditions are met by 3 o'clock Thursday:

- '1. Put up \$1,000.00 cash to cover any possible damage to the furniture.
- '2. Put up \$1,000.00 cash to guarantee that the speaker will not digress from his manuscript.
- '3. Pay a court reporter of the lessee's choice to record all speeches (That's \$42.00).
- '4. Furnish a public liability insurance policy of \$250,000.
- '5. Pay for police officers to be on duty the evening of the 25th, the number to be determined by the Auditorium Company. (In other words, whatever number they decide they need, we have to pay \$7.50 apiece.)
- '6. Furnish a riot and civil commotion policy.'

SMITH said that there was nobody in Los Angeles that will write that kind of a policy, so he had to call in an insurance broker and they cabled Lloyds of London in order to get it. SMITH stated dramatically that at 12:30 on Thursday he had met every condition. The audience applauded enthusiastically.

On woman asked SMITH if it would be in order to ask the Philharmonic Auditorium to buy space in the paper to record his speech, word for word. SMITH said that it would be in order, but he didn't see his way clear to do that since this whole thing was costing so much. "Let me tell you this -- that whether it takes everything I have on my back, I am going to lead this fight against these rats!" (The audience applauded and cheered, rising to show their enthusiasm.)

SMITH announced that he would send out photostatic copies of the letter from the Auditorium Company.

"It is not an easy thing to lay your hands on \$3,000 cash on 28 hours notice. Fortunately we were able, through our National Headquarters, to do that." He said that one of the reasons this particular meeting had been called was that he thought he might have to ask for their help in raising the money.

"Try to be at the meeting at 7 o'clock Monday night. I want our best people right down in the front seat. Then I want you to be there so that if

our people who are handling the crowds and the literature need some emergency help, they can come and get you. I am going to ask you to sit up in the galleries and the balconies, too, and watch. "Just think, we have had to advance this money and we hope to get much of it back. Of course, if I put in an 'and' instead of a 'but', if I add a paragraph, they can keep my thousand dollars.

"We want to make sure that the enemy doesn't steal our money. The only way we can finance this meeting is with the collection. The people who fight are out to stop Christianity. If you don't believe it, look at the face of Europe; look at France. Even Mr. CHURCHILL is having the fight of his life against the reds who are trying to seize control of Britain tonight.

"Russia is blackmailing us. Unless we give her another six million dollars and promise her China and Korea, she won't help us. 41,000 boys were killed, wounded and captured in Okinawa. If Russia is going to help us, now is the time. After all the billions we have given Russia, if our boys over fly Tokio and happen to land by mistake in Russia, they take them prisoner.

"The reds are fixing to betray America. They are going to take EARL BROWDER out because he is too conservative. There will be a story about it in the Times tomorrow.

SMITH said that he had never worked with a man as courageous as Councilman McCLANAHAN. "Our Committee has waited on the Police Department of the city officially. They told the Police Department my life had been threatened and what the Communists are doing, and the Police Department has promised us full and complete cooperation. There are plenty of people, including your own Mayor, that are willing to bootlick in order to stay on the good side of the Communist elements in your city.

"The Chief of Police said, 'We are not interested in Mr. SMITH's political philosophy. We are interested in seeing to it that he and this meeting will be given full and complete protection.'

"The rats that work on us have gotten into one of the so-called church associations. The other day a man came in and talked to Mr. McCLANAHAN. He said he represented the churches in the city. He belongs to a committee called the Committee for Church Association for Better Relationships -- or something like that. The Chairman of the Committee is Rabbi MAGNIN. The man said, 'We are going to ruin you. We are going to issue a statement against you. You had better get away from that man.' He said, 'Now this California Pastors Committee is just a fake. There is no such thing as the California Pastors Committee.' In other words, Mr. PERKINS and Mr. SWIFT, who organized

this special committee -- they are just fakes; in other words, there is no such fellow as BOB SHULER, as Rev. WOODWARD, and these 50 or a 100 preachers that are going to be at the meeting. The Federal Church of Christ which caters to those who deny the Kingdom of God and the divinity of Christ say the others don't exist.

"They not only went to the churches and the preachers, but the other day Mr. McCLANAHAN got a call from the American Federation of Labor. The officers of the A.F. of L. were called in to meet with a group of so-called modernists. Some of these modernists, pro-Communist preachers were there and a couple of rabbis, and they said that the American Federation of Labor would have to take a stand against this thing -- come out against SMITH." (SMITH said they tried to do that in Chicago but [redacted] wired back that he was not going to interfere with the right of free speech and free assembly.)

SMITH said that yesterday he was invited to appear at 10 o'clock before all the top labor leaders of the A. F. of L. in the city of Los Angeles, on Friday morning. That he, Mrs. SMITH, PERKINS and SWIFT went down to the office of the A. F. of L. and met with a group of officers representing all the major crafts and trades in this area.

He was told that a series of complaints had been made against him, and they had been asked to condemn him. However, it was not their policy to condemn anyone unheard, and they wanted to hear his side. SMITH told them they had done the American thing. Digressing for a moment, SMITH told the audience: "I am not saying that TYLER KENT did everything perfectly. I am not saying that he is completely innocent. I do know that he was tried in secret in London and sentenced to seven years even though he was an American citizen and should have been brought back and tried openly in an American court." (Applause).

SMITH said he spoke before the A. F. of L. for an hour and fifteen minutes. He told them he was willing to answer any and all questions. "I am fighting Communism and I am not asking you to endorse my brand of anti-Communism. I am asking you to endorse the Constitution of the United States by refusing to interfere with my civil liberties. Within six or sixty minutes after I left the room that Executive Commission, representing every important trade union in the city affiliated with the A. F. of L., agreed that they were not going to do one single thing to interfere with my meeting next Monday night. (Applause)

"This experience is new to Mr. BRAINARD, who runs the Auditorium, and when Mr. McCLANAHAN first agreed to introduce me I looked at him and said, 'Are you sure you want to do this?' The reason they are so against us is because we are so effective. What have I got to say next Monday night that they don't want said? Plenty, Plenty. I am not going to spare the hounds or the horses or the dogs. If we don't have time to finish it by 11 o'clock, I will go over in Pershing Square and we'll wind up the meeting.

"Don't think that the enemy has given up. It so happens that we saw a card today put out by the Communist Party. They are sending out cards every day urging people to do all sorts of things to the manager of the building. They are going to have poor [redacted] think he is going to be kidnapped by Monday morning. They won't kidnap anybody."

(One of the men in the audience told SMITH that he had to have a license to speak in Pershing Square, and that cost \$5.00. SMITH thanked him for the tip and said facetiously that at 11 o'clock he would ask the man to get him the license.)

"You are going to find a ticket line of mangy looking people in front of the place. There will be 50 or a hundred policemen by the time the meeting starts."

SMITH said the meeting will probably be a dignified one, which will show that a lot of lies are being told about him. He said he told the A. F. of L. leaders that the reason he went to the ministers of Christ, the leaders of Christianity in this city, is because he had in mind nothing but good constructive Americanism.

"In talking to these labor leaders this morning I said don't think you have got everything settled when you come to the defense of the Jews because they are a little like the Baptists -- once in a while they fight among each other. Of course the Methodists never do (all this facetiously of course). The B'nai B'rith Messenger were here last week and the week before, and they are here tonight. Last week they wrote up GERALD L. K. SMITH. This paper hates Rabbi BERGER because they are Zionists. They want all the Jews to go to Palestine and take back Palestine, and there are some Jews that are against that. Rabbi BERGER made a speech that this paper condemned, in which he said they ought to be Americans first and Jews second. I don't care who said that, I think that's good Americanism, so they condemned me for praising Rabbi BERGER."

(SMITH started to read the article in the Messenger of June 17. He had only read one sentence when McCLANAHAN came in. McCLANAHAN seems to time his entrance just when SMITH starts reading a Messenger article, which SMITH never finishes.)

SMITH said he wrote to the Secretary of State asking him why he had interfered with his right of assembly in the city of San Francisco. He received a letter in reply, dated May 17, on the letterhead of the Secretary of State, which stated that no one had anything whatsoever to do with the cancellation of his meeting, connected with the State Department, and that he had been completely misinformed. The letter was signed by CHARLES B. NOYES, Assistant to the Secretary. SMITH was quite pleased with the letter.

SMITH said that at the labor meeting he was told that they had received a complaint that SMITH's name is in the book "Under Cover". "He is right. My name is in that book. It is there along with U. S. Senator HIRAM JOHNSON, along with Rev. J. B. RILEY, along with Father COUGHLIN and Dr. TOWNSEND ... so is CHARLES LINDBERGH and NYE."

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Another woman said that [redacted] spoke against SMITH. She couldn't be specific about what he said because she was getting so mad that she couldn't remember. Some one remarked that [redacted] was with the American Federation of Labor, and SMITH asked if he speaks officially, and was told that he did. SMITH said, "Well that was last night. May I say this, don't think the A. F. of L. has endorsed me. This morning at 10 o'clock they agreed that they were going to do nothing to repulse me. The newspapers are being bombarded every day to smear me. They may open up with all kinds of fine and fancy pictures of me."

One woman said she tried to give the card to a pastor but he refused to take it, saying that he was more afraid of the harm SMITH could do than he was of Communism. SMITH passed that off by saying that the poor man was misguided -- that he, SMITH, was no more a fascist than ABRAHAM LINCOLN or GEORGE WASHINGTON. In answer to a statement that some one had accused him of being a member of the Silver Shirts, SMITH replied: "In 1933 the organizers of that movement sent out complimentary membership cards to practically every young minister in the South and I was one that sent my card back because I didn't care to belong. They photostated the card and said I was No. [redacted] -- it's a coldblooded lie. After all, they have an FBI in Detroit, Michigan, and I have never been called before the Grand Jury; never been accused of anything un-American. I read you a letter from HOOVER that he is not going to interfere with any meetings, etc."

McCLANAHAN said that there is a writer for the Southwest Wave, BEULAH DEAN, who lives in Glendale. She writes the column, "Songs We Sing". He called her and she is bringing about 75 or 80 women over to this meeting. "She told me that she had written an article for a column about the meeting, and took it down to MCCOY and he said he would not print it. That they had no use for SMITH." McCLANAHAN said they would publish an article against SMITH, but wouldn't publish one about free speech. He emphasized that these were the Carty Bros. markets.

"One of the movie actors, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, wrote a letter to the Philharmonic Auditorium protesting this meeting and sent me a copy of it. After this is over (and I understand it is definitely in the JEWISH VOICE here towards the end of the article) they are definitely going to circulate recall petitions against me.

"Two ladies were in today from another Communist organization, one of the branches of which is the League of Women Voters. Two of the women came in Council this morning and presented a letter and wanted it read in the Council, protesting the meeting. The letter got lost in the shuffle and it wasn't read. I happened to talk with the Council clerk at a dinner meeting at the Ambassador and he said another letter popped up today. Monday we will have another one. I don't think that that can be read until Tuesday. It may have to go to Committee. It is all very interesting."

SMITH then spoke, lauding McCLANAHAN's courage, and saying that not only has he a lot of courage but he also has a lot of support.

They took up the collection then, and while that was going on SMITH asked for volunteers to bring 50 shopping bags to use for the collection at the Philharmonic meeting. He announced that an absolutely closed meeting would take place immediately after the adjournment of this one, and that if there were any snoopers, to pitch them out of the window.

There were approximately 80 people present at the secret meeting in the lower hall. McCLANAHAN read a letter of protest written by EDWARD G. ROBINSON. The people who attended this secret meeting are to act as watchers and guards at the Philharmonic meeting. They were instructed not to permit people to enter the Philharmonic who look suspicious, and to simply say that their card of admission is not genuine.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH held a meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium on Monday, June 25, 1945, beginning at 8:00 P. M.

Prior to the opening of this meeting, from 7 o'clock on, at the Fifth Street entrance to the auditorium there were groups gathered on the sidewalk watching and discussing a picket line consisting of approximately forty-five persons, who were carrying placards which read:

- "Labor - Unite against Fascism".
- "America First is United States Fascism."
- "Nip American Fascists in the Bud".
- "Fight Racial Discrimination".
- "Workers' Party Leads anti-Fascist Fight".
- "McCLANAHAN Sponsored Labor-Baiter GERALD L. K. SMITH".
- "GERALD L. K. SMITH Stands for JIM CROW and Poll Tax".
- "The War is Not Over - This is Sabotage".
- "GERALD L. K. SMITH is Enemy of Labor".

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"Join the Picket Line - Protest against GERALD L. K. SMITH".
"Our War is Against Fascism at Home".
"Out-of-bounds for Decent Americans".
"SMITH Meetings Today - Concentration Camps Tomorrow".

Also, persons were distributing leaflets to passersby, one issued by the Workers Party, address Labor Action, P. O. Box 1246, San Pedro, California, entitled "Workers of Los Angeles! - Stop the Fascists!"; another leaflet, issued by the Los Angeles Committee to Postpone Action on Peacetime Conscription, headed "Now is the Time to Act!"; and a card issued by the Public Affairs Forum designating every Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M. as their meeting time at Studio Hall, Embassy Auditorium, 839 S. Grand Avenue, Los Angeles. Leaflets and card are attached to this report.

Admission was by ticket only. The meeting had apparently plenty of police protection, which SMITH later states cost him \$7.50 per head on his conditional lease.

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[redacted] submitted the following report:

[redacted] The following admission card was furnished to the writer by [redacted]
This card was to SMITH's meeting held on June 25, 1945.

This card will admit two persons to hear an address by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

PHILHARMONIC AUDITORIUM, Fifth and Olive Streets, Los Angeles, California.
Monday, June 25, 1945 - - 8:00 P. M.
Auspices: California Pastors' Committee to Fight Nazi-
Communism. 50 Pastors of all Denominations
will occupy platform.

HONORABLE MEADE McCLANAHAN
The Fearless statesman and member of the Los Angeles City Council, will
introduce Mr. SMITH.

SUBJECT OF ADDRESS

Our Nation's Destiny: Christian Americanism or Atheistic Communism - Which?
Among the many topics with which Mr. SMITH will deal
will be the following:

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The New Communist Strategy
The Plot of the Super State
American Sovereignty
The International Bank
The Bretton Woods Plot

STALIN's Plan for America
Europe and Communism
New Red Headquarters - Hollywood
The San Francisco Charter
(Stalin's Document)

WARNING: The Red enemies of this meeting will circulate all sorts of false reports. They will even report that the meeting has been cancelled. Regardless of anything you read or hear to this effect, this meeting will positively be held. Bring this card and come to the entrance of the Philharmonic Auditorium on the night of June 25, prepared to attend the most dynamic and sensational rally in the history of Los Angeles.

Admission free BUT positively by card only.

Note: This card may be used as a post card. Additional cards may be obtained free by addressing requests to Post Office Box 2508, Los Angeles, California.

Pickets of the Worker's Party picketed the Philharmonic. They were quite peaceful. Their signs called SMITH a Fascist, an enemy of labor, a race baiter, a poll-taxer, etc. Handbills were distributed by members of the Worker's Party, copies of which are attached to this report in the Master File and GERALD L. K. SMITH file.

The Los Angeles Daily News June 26 carried the following story:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH SPEAKS SECOND TIME HERE:

"GERALD L. K. SMITH, 'America First' leader, made his second public appearance in Los Angeles last night. He spoke at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

"He lumped virtually all of his 'enemies' under the heading of 'communists' and so designated a picket line which appeared outside the meeting hall, carrying signs charging SMITH with being a 'fascist'.

"The meeting was chaired by newly elected Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN of the 13th district."

The Los Angeles Examiner carried the following story:

"AMERICA FIRST LEADER SPEAKS:

"addressing more than 3500 persons at Philharmonic Auditorium and an overflow sidewalk audience of several hundred through loud speakers connected

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with the stage, GERALD L. K. SMITH last night announced the active rebirth of America First, Inc., throughout the nation.

"Requesting each member of his audience who was willing to contribute a minimum of \$2 per person to his campaign to rise, SMITH was greeted with a near 100 percent response."

The Los Angeles Times carried the following Story:

"AMERICA FIRST HEAD SPEAKS HERE:

"A Philharmonic Audience, which gained admittance by card only, last night heard GERALD L. K. SMITH, America First head, speak on a variety of topics, ranging from free speech to Russia.

"Several hundred members of the Workers party picketed the auditorium. Police dispersed crowds at the close of the meeting."

The Examiner story is incorrect insofar as it claims that there were 3500 people at the Philharmonic. The Philharmonic holds only 2700 people. At the most there were on the sidewalk on both sides of the street, not more than 200 or 300 people. There were no loud speakers on the outside.

The hall itself was packed. There were between twenty and thirty uniformed policemen and I learned from one of the policemen that there were quite a few plain clothes men. There were also a number of deputy policemen who wore civilian clothes and deputy police badges. Shore Patrol and Military Police were also there, inside as well as outside.

The audience was composed mainly of old people, and among the oldsters there were more women than men. They definitely belonged to the lower strata of society and the most vociferous among them were the "hallelujah" boys and the "amen" women. This writer discovered quite a few people in his area who spoke with strong German accents. The following people in the audience were recognized:

KENNETH ALEXANDER of the Silver Shirts, MARTIN MAYER of the Bund, FRED DYSTER of the Silver Shirts, "DOC" SAHLI of the American Guards, LEON DE MARYAN of San Diego, publisher of the Broom, Mrs. BEAN, who has the book store on Larchmont, many former followers of ROBERT NOBLE, T. W. HUGHES and EDITH SHOL. ELIZA COLE of the Peace Now group was also in the audience, so was Mrs. RUGGLES, Mrs. KRAMER, Mrs. COX, JAMES MacBRIDE. RAY SCHNEIDER, head of the Ku Klux Klan, and Miss LEGANT, SMITH's secretary, were in charge of the ushers. WOODARD, CORY, MacSHANE, GIMMEL, SAHLI and both of the CAPPs (father

and son) were ushering. Written instructions to the ushers were given out by SCHNEIDER and Miss LEGANT, the text of which follows:

INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE WEARING USHER
BADGES

SMITH RALLY

Monday, June 25, 1945, 8 P. M.
The number of your reserved seat is ()
Read the following very carefully:

1. You should hold in your hand one shopping bag. When you get located in your reserved seat, put the bag under the seat, ready to be used when necessary.
2. You will find 10 extra envelopes in your shopping bag. This is for the purpose of supplying envelopes to any one who might not receive them as they enter.
3. Listen very carefully to everything Mr. SMITH says from the platform. He will instruct you thoroughly as to what to do.
4. Wear your official badge at all times.
5. When you have taken up the envelopes, return the bag to the literature table, which will be in charge of Miss LEGANT.
6. If you have a question to ask, check with Miss LEGANT.
7. Do not visit with anybody.
This is a very serious and critical meeting. Be sober and attend to your business all the time.
8. Be alert for any emergency or special instructions from the stage by Mr. SMITH.

IMPORTANT

Individuals carrying cards marked (special) are to be seated either on the platform or in the seats near the platform. Such cards have been given to clergymen.

Verbal orders were also given. The ushers were told to spot the policemen so they would know which way to turn in case of trouble. The toughest

of the Klansmen were assigned to handle the upper balconies because it was expected that if there was any trouble it would start in the balconies. There was no trouble but they were correct in their hunch that the more unfriendly people were in the balconies.

Before the meeting got under way the following transpired behind the stage. There were approximately 20 sightseers, mostly friends of stage hands and employees of the Auditorium. Besides that there were another 15 people or so who seemed to belong to PERKINS mission. PERKINS asked these "those who are ministers of the Gospel please raise your hand". When only BOB SHULER, WESLEY SWIFT, Chaplain (U. S. Army) CHARLES CARTWRIGHT, and J. A. LOVELL raised their hands, PERKINS was disappointed. Thereupon he inquired "all those who believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God, raise your hands". All raised their hands, whereupon PERKINS added "That's good enough for me, you are all preachers. All of you on the stage". Among those who heard this procedure was G. ALLISON PHELPS, and he needed special urging to get on the stage, saying that he was not a clergyman, but he finally gave in to PERKINS' pleas.

Meanwhile, in the audience, some of PERKINS' men were going through the aisles asking the same questions that were asked by PERKINS and one more question: "Anyone of you who can pray raise your hands". Any of the people who raised their hands in answer to these various questions were asked to come to the stage.

Returning to proceedings back stage: One GENE E. MARCY, who claims to have a lifetime membership in the American Legion was there. Also a reporter for the Sentinel, the Negro newspaper, whose name is DALY (phonetic). A copy of the Labor Herald was on the floor, addressed to [redacted]

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[redacted] It may have belonged to one of the stage hands. This issue contained the article attacking SMITH and McCLANAHAN, the text of which is given in a separate report. A man by the name of GOODYEAR, who originally came from Washington, D. C. and used to go to LOVELL's meeting, was among the men who went on the stage, pretending to be a preacher.

It was learned from CARTWRIGHT that he came here to attend LOVELL's Kingdom Fellowship convention and that he came from Seattle. He is stationed in Fort Lewis and said that he is going to a military hospital there. Talked to some of the would-be clergymen and learned from them that some of them belonged to the Pentacostal church but felt rather sheepish about posing as the clergy. There was one boy on the stage. PERKINS didn't want him on but his father raised a fuss so PERKINS permitted him to go on.

Ushers employed by the Philharmonic watched the doors and windows back stage for fear of bombs. One of the bums brought an ax with him to defend himself in case of need. COFFMAN, who used to be active in pre-Pearl

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Harbor days and always flashed a lot of money, was back stage and it was learned from one of SMITH's close friends that COFFMAN is supposed to have donated \$500 to cover part of the expense for the meeting. This friend of SMITH and COFFMAN is supposed to own a ranch near San Diego and there employed two of his nephews as farm hands in order to keep them out of the draft. The friend, whose name is known to this office but which is not given here for certain reasons, stated that COFFMAN had a lot of trouble with the FBI on account of the draft dodging. It will be recalled that Leon de Aryan carried a number of stories about the matter in his newspaper, the Broom.

From the same friend it was learned that at a dinner party on Sunday, at the Chapman Park Hotel, SMITH informed his intimate friends that he would not stick to the text of the speech which he had prepared in advance and submitted to the management of the Philharmonic.

By 8 o'clock the hall was filled to the last seat. Meanwhile, back stage every one was frantically looking for SMITH and people began to fear that he was kidnapped. It later developed that SMITH arrived at the Biltmore Hotel around 5 o'clock. With him was Mrs. SMITH and PERKINS. SMITH carried a small suitcase which probably contained some of the paraphernalia he used during his speech. Later he was met by the CAPPS, who often serve as drivers and body guards. The whole group went over to the Philharmonic early and SMITH and his wife locked themselves in the engineers room until it was time to go on.

Around 8:15 the meeting began and 30 people filed on the stage. The majority of them were ill-at-ease and at best it could be said that they were nothing but a group of bums and panhandlers. Before the writer obtained the information as to what transpired back stage, it was his opinion that they were just picked up across the street in Pershing Square and perhaps given a dollar to make their appearance.

Besides the bums on the stage were SMITH and his wife, PERKINS, WILLIS and LAWRENCE ALLEN, BOB SHULER, CHARLES CARTWRIGHT, MEADE McCLANAHAN, G. ALLISON PHELPS and J. A. LOVELL.

WILLIS ALLEN opened the meeting with the singing of "America" and the Ham 'n' Eggs song, which was rendered with a lot of gusto by the audience. Then introduced "our fearless Councilman" MEADE McCLANAHAN, who spoke partly from a manuscript and partly without it.

McCLANAHAN first explained that the management insisted upon all speeches being delivered from a manuscript and than an advance copy of the speeches had to be turned in to the management. However, he found it difficult to speak from a manuscript, therefore, he would digress once in awhile. Also explained that the management insisted that a court stenographer take down

every word spoken on the stage and that the expense for the stenographer would have to be carried by the California Pastors Committee.

McCLANAHAN spoke at length about the tremendous pressure which was brought to bear on himself, SMITH and the management of the Philharmonic. He said he was convinced that the groups behind this pressure campaign, which he described as inhuman torture, were not working in the best interests of the government. He pointed out that he did not necessarily agree with him regarding the menace of Communism.

He described the telephone calls that he received at his home and at his office and the letters and telegrams he received, as well as the management. However, he added, he was pleased to be able to tell his audience that for every one condemnatory message there were five which congratulated him or the management of the Philharmonic. He said the Philharmonic had received so many letters that they hadn't been able to open them all and tried to be funny by adding that the office staff assorted them and by touching them they could tell whether they were hot or cold. He got quite a laugh out of that from his audience.

He said that he has decided to fight for SMITH's freedom of speech because at various times of his life he had taken an oath to uphold the Constitution and he cited that passage from the Bill of Rights which deals with freedom of speech. Talking of taking the oath he mentioned that he had done so again quite recently, and twice, when he was sworn in to fill the vacancy and the full term as Councilman for the 13th district.

In describing the telephone calls he received he dwelt at length upon the foreign origin of the callers, saying that many of the phone calls he could not understand because the callers could not talk good American and they probably haven't been here long enough to learn it. He said perhaps after they go to night school they may learn how to speak American and perhaps also learn something about the Bill of Rights and freedom of speech. Right now, however, these minorities are demanding freedom of speech for themselves but would not permit the great majority to have it if it does not suit them. He expressed the hope that "if some boys and girls of the foreign press are here tonight", they would lay off of him because he is really growing tired of their pressure. The pressure was so terrific that he was thinking of throwing out his telephone, but because they are hard to get he decided not to do it. That brought another laugh.

He said that the audience would learn tonight how much it costs to hold up freedom of speech and expressed his thanks to the management for permitting these Christian Americans to hold their meeting there and asked the audience to give the management a hand, which the audience did.

He related that some Councilman told him that he was making a mistake by tying up with SMITH, and then he talked of the president of the City Council, Mr. BURNS, who told him the best way of staying in the City Council is by not seeking publicity.

The way it was put, it appeared that when he talked about a Councilman, that too, must have been BURNS. However, he was not taking BURNS' advice and it seemed that he was pleased to be able to talk to so large an audience.

Between the speech above reported, he introduced BOB SHULER, who rendered the invocation, which contained nothing worth reporting outside of the fact that SHULER too took out an insurance policy and said "may God wipe from our memory any word that might be uttered that would displease him. In other words both McCLANAHAN and the Rev. SHULER wanted to make sure that the public and God understands that they are not backing up SMITH's statements.

McCLANAHAN wound up his speech by introducing GERALD L. K. SMITH.

SMITH, as in previous speeches, kept rambling from subject to subject and it was difficult to follow him point for point but following are the main highlights of his discourse. He began by pulling the same showmanship stuff as he did at the Embassy, asking all those who can hear to raise their hands, which they did, and all those who can not hear him to raise their hands and quite a few did, and SMITH followed through! "If you can't hear me how did you know what I said?" It brought the expected result. SMITH began by stating that he considered it an honor to address this Christian American audience and that he had many shocking things to tell them. He immediately set out to answer WALTER WINCHELL and the Council for Civic Unity. He said that WALTER WINCHELL claimed on the radio that he, SMITH, had made the claim that 1000 Los Angeles ministers were in back of him. SMITH said he did not claim 1000 Los Angeles ministers but 1000 California ministers and that they were well represented here tonight.

He said WINCHELL boosted the Council for Civic Unity and that he would have more to say about it later in his speech. He said it was impossible to have 1000 ministers from all over California at one place at one time but they were well represented. He asked the so-called ministers on the stage to stand up and asked the audience to give them a hand. A great majority of them got up only reluctantly and G. ALLISON PHELPS got up with only half of his seating capacity. Then SMITH claimed that he had 200 ministers in the wings and that they could not come on the stage for lack of space. (Of course this was untrue and it made the policemen and other people back stage laugh.)

Next he stated that a certain clergyman had received \$1,000 on Sunday to preach a sermon against SMITH, that he is a corruptionist, a betrayer

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of Christ, and a Judas Ischariot. Later during the course of his speech, while the audience was applauding, McCLANAHAN leaned over and whispered to SMITH, then SMITH said that brother McCLANAHAN had just told him that the minister that he had referred to earlier as having sold out, is not an American citizen. The audience wanted him to name the minister, apparently hoping that it might be a Jewish name, and if SMITH had given the name it would have been an anti-climax and may have been cause for a libel suit so SMITH said that the name of the minister wasn't worth mentioning.

There were the usual hateful remarks about WINCHELL, the gentlemen's room journalist, who is today all powerful on the radio while a great patriot like LINDBERGH has been pulled into the gutter and smeared but smearing artists like WINCHELL.

He said a lot of people wonder how SMITH gets such huge audiences in spite of the fact that his meetings receive no publicity in the press and only publicity on the Warner Bros. Communist station and in the Communist papers. He took a few cracks at the Los Angeles metropolitan press which is being run by the advertisers through the use of pressure.

Next he read to the audience the text of a postal card sent out by the Committee of Correspondents asking the recipient to protest SMITH's speaking at the Philharmonic. He emphasized the statement contained in that postal card that SMITH was a red-baiter delux. Next he read a second postal card sent out by the same Committee, the text of which follows:

ALARUM! ALARUM!

GERALD L. K. SMITH, would-be American Fuehrer, darling of the "Nationalist Party", Anti-Semite, Anti-Negro, Anti-Labor, red-baiter de luxe, invades Los Angeles.

PROTEST TODAY, by telegram or letter to C. H. BRAINARD, Mgr. of Philharmonic Aud. (427 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 13) against renting this center of L. A. Culture to anti-kultur GERALD L. K. SMITH for his Monday, June 25th, meeting.

ACT NOW!

Los Angeles
Box 9734

Committee of Correspondence
Los Feliz Sts. Los Angeles 27

Coming back to the question of how he gets such a large attendance without publicity, he said that he did not have to come to Los Angeles to organize, that the Christian-Americans and anti-Communists were organized long before he came here.

Then he paid tribute to MEADE McCLANAHAN, a man with guts and intestinal fortitude, and asked his audience to indicate by saying "aye" whether they would come to McCLANAHAN's aid if his enemies start a recall initiative.

He said the issue tonight was whether Christian-Americans shall preserve for the future freedom of speech. He said he is being called a Fascist, but there is no greater enemy of Fascism in America than he and that he was the one that went to Washington and demanded that a law against Nazism, Fascism and Communism be put on the statute books. He says no Russian in Beverly Hills, nor Hitler, nor Stalin, can tell him whether or not he can speak. Next he read a letter from EDWARD G. ROBINSON, the original of which seemed to have been addressed to the management of the Philharmonic and a copy of which seemed to have been sent by ROBINSON to McCLANAHAN. The letter simply protested against the use of the Philharmonic by SMITH and pointed out that SMITH himself, publicly, admitted he was a Fascist. Here SMITH interrupted the reading of the letter asking whether there was a lawyer in the audience who might take a law suit against ROBINSON for libel on a contingency basis. When he was through reading the letter he gave it to McCLANAHAN, telling him to save it for some day it will be an important letter in the history books, showing how people try to suppress freedom of speech. Still referring to ROBINSON, he asked the audience what is his real name and some people shouted "his name was GOLDENBERG".

Coming back to the praise of McCLANAHAN, he said that with the help of these Christian Americans McCLANAHAN could be elected to the office of Congress, Mayor, or even Governor.

Then SMITH proceeded to give what he called details of the attempted suppression of this meeting. He said PERKINS, SWIFT, and McCLANAHAN, the first two as chairman and secretary respectively of the Pastor's Committee, which had been formed 11 months ago, had contacted the Philharmonic Auditorium to rent the hall. SMITH claimed that the management was told that he was to be the speaker. PERKINS and SWIFT put down \$260 for the rent and there was some additional expenses of around \$100. SMITH thought that this would be all the expense for this meeting but the audience would soon hear how much it cost to have freedom of speech here in Los Angeles. He said that as soon as printed invitations fell into the hands of the enemy they launched a campaign of intimidation, typical of STALIN. "We know how the rats work".

Then, for no good reason at all, he started talking about his only son in the Service and the decorations he had received, etc. Then he took time out to congratulate BOB SHULER on the nice opening prayer and on his courage to appear on the platform. Turning to Councilman McCLANAHAN he suggested that the pressure brought to bear upon the Philharmonic and McCLANAHAN

should be investigated by the Grand Jury. Then he came to one of the high points of his speech. He was going to show the audience what tactics the enemy was using to keep him from exercising his constitutional rights. He held in his hand a letter addressed to PERKINS and McCLANAHAN by the Philharmonic Auditorium which, he claimed, was received by him on Wednesday. This letter stated that the Philharmonic would reconsider its cancellation of the Auditorium if the following conditions were met by 3 o'clock on Thursday (June 21st). He added that this letter was received 28 hours before the 3 o'clock deadline and he was going to celebrate his 23rd wedding anniversary with his wife but he couldn't because he had to devote all of his time to meet the conditions set forth in the letter. The conditions were that SMITH put up \$1,000 cash to cover any possible damage to the furniture in the Auditorium. That he put up an additional \$1,000 cash to guarantee that the speakers would not digress from the manuscript which, judging from other remarks during the course of the evening, had to be submitted in advance. Further, the Philharmonic demanded that he pay the cost of a court stenographer who would take down every word uttered. Also he had to furnish a \$250,000 public liability insurance policy, a riot and civil commotion policy, and pay for the hiring of police officers to be on duty during the course of the evening, the price to be \$7.50 per policeman and as many to be hired as the management deemed necessary.

As he read this letter he frequently interrupted, calling these demands outrageous and protesting against the high-handed manner of the Philharmonic management. He said that he had to go to Lloyds of London to get the \$250,000 policy and that it was quite difficult to raise the necessary cash but there was nothing else for him to do but to go through with a bad bargain. He said how could he speak of the principles of GEORGE WASHINGTON and ABRAHAM LINCOLN if he would give into the intimidations of the Philharmonic Auditorium and read a prepared speech. He would not read the speech but would speak along the moral lines of what he had set forth in the advance copy, even if it means that on the following day the \$1,000 cash bond would be forfeited.

From here on, no matter what his subject, he frequently came back to the \$1,000 cash bond, which was a build up for the collection speech later on. He also said that any one who would donate \$1 or more would receive a photostatic copy of this outrageous letter which some day too would be part of the history books telling of the attempted suppression of free speech.

On Monday afternoon, according to SMITH, the management wanted to know where is the text of the speech to be made by SHULER and SMITH replied that SHULER would not speak, that he would pray. Nonetheless, according to SMITH, the management insisted upon having an advance copy of SHULER's prayer for they apparently feared that SHULER might let God in on the things SMITH

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was going to say but was prevented from saying through the restrictions set forth in the letter quoted above. He said that Rev. WESLEY SWIFT took the text of SHULER's prayer to the management of the Philharmonic Auditorium on the 4th floor of the building.

Then he digressed and talked of his intentions to stay in Los Angeles as long as he cares to because a certain gentlemen was anxious for him to leave. He did not mention his name but of course meant the Mayor.

Then he repeated a story he first told at the Embassy Auditorium how the people in the Philharmonic tried to get him out of the hall and gave as their excuse that the FBI wanted him out. How he had written to J. EDGAR HOOVER about it and that HOOVER denied this in a letter. He read the letter again as he did at the Embassy.

Next he came to the Council for Civic Unity. He reminded the audience that this is the organization which was boosted by WALTER LIPTSCHITZ, and he added that by calling him LIPSCHITZ he was very charitable. He asked does Dr. FARNHAM, President of the Council of Civic Unity, know what company he is keeping. He then held the latest Tenney Committee report in one hand and the letter from the Council in the other. He said that he had found that 12 people who are on the letterhead of RAYMOND BOOTH's Council for Civic Unity were mentioned in the index of the Tenney Committee report which was published at the taxpayer's expense and which exposed the Communist activities. He was careful not to state that these people were Communists. The people mentioned as appearing on the stationery of the Council for Civic Unity and in the Tenney Committee report index were: Rev. CLAYTON RUSSELL, Mrs. CHARLOTTE BASS, GEORGE BRADLEY, Dr. ERNEST CALDECOTT, PHILIP M. CONNELLY, Hon. AUGUSTUS HAWKINS, SAMUEL ORNITZ, Rev. CLAYTON RUSSELL, DORE SCHARY, JAMES THIMMES, HERBERT SORRELL.

He stopped at the name of Dr. ERNEST CALDECOTT to point out that he is an arch communist.

He then turned around and asked who is this DR. FARNHAM, and he was told that he is the Executive-Secretary of the Los Angeles Church Federation. Then he turned back to the audience and announced this, and said that the Church Federation is Communist, and so is the Federal Council of Churches, which is being run by modernist preachers. He said that he himself, and he is quite sure the audience too, prefers the pulpit pounding clergymen of the Pentacostal sects of the type represented on the platform.

Switching from his subject again, he asked how many people would come to a mass meeting which he would address either in the Hollywood Bowl, or in some baseball park, or in the stadium. There were the usual "ayes" from the audience.

Then he came to his appeal for money. The writer of this report really had to laugh when he said that he expects to get \$10 each from the preachers on the platform. Most of them looked like they didn't have next week's rent. He asked people to indicate on the back of the envelope how much money they would contribute if on the following day he finds that the management has stolen his \$1,000 because he has not stuck to the text of the speech which he had submitted. There were the usual remarks about his publications which would be sent to the donors, etc.

From here on he kept his appeal for money going while, at the same time, touching upon many subjects. He attacked the press, which is being high-pressured by advertisers and signaled out particularly the Daily News which would probably report on the following day that SMITH had made a collection, while nothing is being said when SIDNEY HILLMAN can take \$5 and \$6 from the weekly pay envelopes of thousands of workers by simply putting his initials on it.

At this point came the revelation reported previously that the minister was not an American citizen. (The minister, incidentally, was in the audience and it is understood at the time of this writing that he is planning to answer SMITH in a public meeting at the Church of the Open Door).

Coming back to HILLMAN, he also added that the Communists get plenty of money through lend lease.

He stated that the slogan of the American Nationalists is "Christ First in America" and if there had been Christ First in Germany there would never have been a Hitler and if there had been a Christ First in Russia there would never have been a Stalin and 20 million Christians would not still be suffering in the concentration camps of Russia. He said he is not concerned with the suffering of the people in Central Europe but he is plenty concerned with the suffering of the 20 million Christians who are still in Russian concentration camps. Then he switched to the Jews and said that if there were any Jews present or representatives of Jews or Jewish organizations they should go to the Jewish leaders and tell them not to harass him, SMITH, and instead of making enemies they should go out to make friends. He told them that the Jews are safe in America only because it is a Christian nation and he advised them to take the leadership out of the hands of the hysterical goofs who sit up 24 hours a day to think up schemes to prevent Christian Americans like himself from having their say.

Then he drifted to the topic of internationalism and ranted against having a Congress more powerful than the U. S. Congress, a Constitution more powerful than the U. S. Constitution, and a flag greater than the Stars and

Stripes. (Incidentally, the stars and stripes waved all the way through SMITH's speech but since the flag-waving was repetitious it is not indicated in this report.) While talking about the government he said that for the last 12 years it had been in the wrong hands but finally got its greatest break when TRUMAN became President.

Then he asked G. ALLISON PHELPS to take a bow after he had told the audience how this man was persecuted, hounded and molested for attacking refugees while being a radio commentator. He said the enemies had robbed him of his home, his job and livelihood and that now he has to make his home in a garage. (It will be remembered that when G. ALLISON PHELPS was on the air he harped particularly on LION FEUCHTWANGER and his book "Moscow, 1937", quoting particularly the passage at the end of the book where it compared the foul air in the democracies with the clean air in Moscow). SMITH picked up the Feuchtwanger book, attacked him as a Communist and quoted the same passage. Undoubtedly this was called to SMITH's attention by PHELPS for the introduction of PHELPS and the quotation from FEUCHTWANGER's book, one immediately after the other, could not have been accidental. In talking about FEUCHTWANGER, SMITH made some cracks about Beverly Hills and suggested that the refugees be sent back to where they came from.

Then he added that not all the people in Hollywood are bad and to prove this statement he quoted from the March 7th edition of the Congressional Record a statement which is anti-Communist and was drawn up by the officers of the Motion Picture Alliance. He read the names of the officers, among them GINGER ROGERS, RUPERT HUGHES, WALT DISNEY, KING VIDOR, CLARENCE BROWN, NORMAN TAUROG, HOWARD EMMETT ROGERS, and several others. Next he asked his audience to bring pressure to bear on the management so that he would get his \$1,000 back, then he returned to one of his favorite subjects, HENRY WALLACE, suggesting that the people get down on their knees to thank the Lord that HENRY WALLACE is not the President.

He said WALLACE is the angel and pet of the Communists and he quoted from a speech made by WALLACE on the occasion of the celebration of the 26th anniversary of the Russian Revolution. The quotation he gave stated that if Russia continues at the present rate of progress for 20 more years it would surpass the United States. While a statement of this sort does not in the least prove that the man who makes the statement is Communistic but simply sets forth some facts, SMITH made the most of it, accepting this as proof that WALLACE is Communistic and the audience loved it. SMITH suggested that WALLACE go to Soviet Russia and run for Vice-President with Stalin. He said the reds have a plan to destroy our government, our industry, our churches and schools, and we can't fight something with nothing. We have a plan and we are going to run the red rats out of this country.

Next came a plea for the veterans. He cited figures as to how many veterans will return and how many defense workers and veterans will be unemployed and suggested that the veterans be given a \$1,000 discharge bonus. He again related the story of the alleged waste of six billion dollars in South America and how many veterans could have been paid \$1,000 each with that money.

Then he referred to a recent statement by ELEANOR ROOSEVELT criticizing the Communists, asking why didn't she make a statement like that 12 years ago for during the past 12 years our system of government was not American.

He said that he noticed some Negroes in the audience and that he considers himself a friend of theirs for he and HUEY LONG fought the poll tax in Louisiana while Bilbo of Mississippi fought for the retention of the poll tax.

Next he quoted from the Tenney Report Lengston Hughes' poem "Good-bye Christ". He rendered it with a great deal of pathos. Then he gave a definition of Nationalism in a typical style as we know it from his current literature. No Congress above our Congress, no flag above our flag, etc. No sharing of our sovereignty with any one in any sort of super state. Then he came to what he described as the San Francisco cocanut. He gloated for 3/4 of the meat of the cocanut had disappeared due to President TRUMAN's work. He said ROOSEVELT wanted to be president of the world and to accomplish this he started giving away everything and when ROOSEVELT came back from Yalta where he had given away everything, he could not face his own deeds and he broke under it. If there is to be a super state, SMITH said, the pagans will be in control.

Then followed more talk about \$1,000 discharge pay for the veterans. By then the ushers had finished collecting the envelopes which contained the donations. Rev. WESLEY SWIFT gave a short prayer and McCLANAHAN announced that the meeting was closed.

Ushers distributed an admission card reading as follows:

"SPECIAL MEETING"

"to be addressed by

GERALD L. K. SMITH

1204 So. Hill Street, Los Angeles
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 1945 --- 8:00 P. M.

In this meeting Mr. Smith will get down to brass tacks and discuss the unvarnished truth concerning the killers

and character assassins who are attempting to curb Christian Nationalism in America.

To be admitted to this meeting, this card must be presented or the individual must be identified by one who carries this card.

CLOSED MEETING

This meeting is closed to the general public. Interlopers, curiosity seekers and snoopers, working in behalf of the enemy, will not be welcome."

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that a closed meeting was held by GERALD L. K. SMITH on Thursday, June 28, at 1204 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

This meeting was to begin at 8 P. M., and it was noted as early as 7:15 P. M. that there was a line of pickets in front of this address. The pickets' placards were identical with those used Monday night, June 25, at the Philharmonic Auditorium, and the same people were noted to be carrying them on both occasions. The picket line consisted of approximately 25 at the start and numbered 45 at 10 P. M. These pickets were supposed to represent a labor party, although under just whose auspices they were acting is unknown to us at this time. There was considerable shouting and booing and reviling of GERALD SMITH. Just prior to the opening of the meeting it was noted that there were approximately 75 to 80 persons standing in groups on the corner and directly in front of the above address.

GERALD L. K. SMITH spoke on the third floor of this building, and had an audience of approximately eight hundred here while directly below on the second floor there was a loud speaker by which he addressed approximately three hundred more. The meeting was opened at 8:10 P. M. with the audience singing two verses of "America". SMITH's opening statement was that "Outside is an example of what we are up against." He went on to say that the people in front of the building were not the real enemies--that they were just screwballs. He said there was a deliberate attempt by high finances to upset this meeting, and said they had gone to the extent of printing 150 counterfeit tickets in order to have representatives at this meeting. He stated that most of these counterfeit tickets had been caught but he knew that several of the "rats" were in the audience and he wanted them to know that they were to cause absolutely no disturbance or he would see that they were bodily thrown out. He stated he was tired of being disturbed and annoyed by these "hook-nosed Russians". SMITH stated that the management of the Philharmonic Auditorium had been so coerced and threatened that they actually believed there would be mob riots, acid throwing, ripping of furniture, etc. He again stated the conditions that had been

set down by the Philharmonic Auditorium management, saying that he wanted everyone to know that these conditions had all been met and further that the money put up under these conditions had been returned in full. He said the management, when returning the thousand dollars that had been placed to insure his reading directly from his script--although he did not stick entirely to his script--had said that the reason they had him put up this thousand dollars was because they had heard that he did a lot of swearing in his talks. SMITH, laughing at this, said, "I wonder if that is why they insisted five times before the Philharmonic meeting on a script of Rev. BOB SHULER's prayer--were they afraid he was going to swear in his prayer?"

SMITH said that all the pressure brought against him was not from the Communists but that the greater part was from the richest Jews in Los Angeles and Hollywood. He said he was going to reveal the name of the person responsible for the annoyance to him at his meeting-- that this person was Rabbi MAGNIN. He said he wanted to issue a word to Rabbi MAGNIN at this time that he was making a terrible mistake, that he intended to continue his meetings, and that in the very near future he was going to have a large meeting in an outdoor bowl and Rabbi MAGNIN had better not do anything to stop it. He stated that if he was annoyed any further he would issue a half million circulars exposing and telling the whole story.

He said on checking the records of the O.P.A. it was found that 92% of the violations of O.P.A. regulations were by Jews. He said his statements do not mean he hates all Jews, but that he believes that Jews should be Americans first and Jews second. He stated that on his arrival in Los Angeles he found out that the May Company Department Store went to the Los Angeles Times and told them not to publicize SMITH.

SMITH had on the platform G. ALLISON PHELPS, writer and commentator. He introduced Mr. PHELPS, and repeated again the story of his having been attacked and his career ruined. SMITH further stated that his organization was going to use PHELPS' pen and his tongue, and that PHELPS was going to be a great aid to their organization. He promised to send a story of G. ALLISON PHELPS to the members attending this meeting.

Mr. SMITH praised Brother JONATHAN PERKINS, who was also on the platform, for his splendid cooperation in helping with the routine work of holding all meetings. He said Brother PERKINS met him in San Francisco and has worked by his side ever since.

Mr. SMITH said that there would appear in the next morning's Examiner, June 29, an article by FRANK M. MURPHY, Supreme Court Justice, and that in this article MURPHY would criticize SMITH in regard to anti-Semitism. Mr. SMITH said he would tell an interesting story about MURPHY,--which was that he had

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been a good friend of his prior to this and that MURPHY is known personally by him not to be speaking at the present time to Supreme Court Justice FELIX FRANKFURTER; but while FRANK MURPHY won't speak to FRANKFURTER yet he comes out and criticizes him (SMITH) and takes a "holier than thou" attitude. (Justice FRANK M. MURPHY's article was noted in the Examiner for June 29, 1945, and is attached to this report.)

SMITH said the Communists and Jews are trying to get the negroes all "het up" so that when the fight comes they will have some one to throw out in front. This statement was in reference to the picket line in front of the building, there being two negroes in the line; and in discussing the placard "GERALD L. K. SMITH is Enemy of Labor" SMITH stated he had a letter from [redacted] of the A.F. of L. congratulating him on his friendship towards Labor. SMITH further stated he also had thirteen honorary memberships in various unions.

Mr. SMITH again praised Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN for his fortitude in sticking by SMITH to see that he was allowed free speech.

Throughout this meeting there was considerable disturbance by loud shouting and booing coming from the street. SMITH stated at ten o'clock that this meeting had been disturbed from 7:30 P. M. until 10:00 P. M., with no police protection. He said it had taken them all this time to get the protection they needed for the safety of the members from the potential killers downstairs. SMITH asked every one to write the Los Angeles Police Department and protest the disturbance taking place. He said to tell in the letters only the truth--that there were 1600 people in attendance, that they were harassed, annoyed, disturbed and threatened with physical harm, and that from 7:30 to 10:30 there was no semblance of order. He said to write the Mayor, the City Council, the Police Department, or any of the officials.

The meeting closed at approximately 10:30 P. M., following the collection. No men in uniform were noted at this meeting. On leaving the building it was noted that there were an estimated 100 or more uniformed policemen keeping the people moving on the street.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH was speaker for a meeting of the Republican Women's Club of the 45th Assembly District on June 19, 1945. This meeting was held at the home of [redacted] MEADE McCLANAHAN, Councilman for the 13th District, introduced SMITH. T-3 advised that T-3 had discontinued attending these Republican Women's Club meetings for they seemed to be heading in the wrong direction.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised that countless numbers of telegrams, cards, and letters of protest were received during the four days before

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subject's (SMITH) meeting at the Philharmonic Auditorium on June 26, 1945. Moreover, the Manager of the Philharmonic Auditorium was annoyed with phone calls, both anonymous and otherwise, requesting and even demanding that SMITH's scheduled meeting be cancelled forthwith.

T-3 furnished the writer with a copy of the speech of GERALD L. K. SMITH which was of necessity furnished to the offices of the Philharmonic Auditorium prior to the scheduled appearance there on June 25, 1945. According to T-3, the subject deviated from his prepared speech occasionally but not sufficiently to warrant forfeit of his \$1,000 bond. A copy of instant speech is being furnished to the Bureau and the Detroit Field Division and a copy is also being retained in the file of the Los Angeles Field Division for further reference.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised as follows regarding SMITH's future plans:

GERALD L. K. SMITH is leaving for the East within a week or ten days, visiting Salt Lake City, Denver, and Detroit, enroute to Washington. He will remain presumably about two weeks, maybe four. During that time "Ham and Eggs" will book him at San Diego, San Bernardino, Fresno, Oakland, and Sacramento. About three small towns in areas adjacent to each of these cosmopolitan cities will be booked. There will be in all about fifteen engagements. He is returning East to confer presumably with former Senator REYNOLDS, who married the daughter of Mrs. CISSY McLEAN of the Hope diamond fame, and Senator BURTON WHEELER and other isolationists. It is his intention to establish his first regional headquarters in Los Angeles and publish a paper dealing with many local issues. There will be no effort made to obtain auditoriums in the cities mentioned until the matter of the Philharmonic Auditorium has been settled. Assurance was given Tuesday night that the Auditorium will be made available. BOB SHULER and a number of Catholic priests are concerning themselves in this matter in the interest of free speech.

Confidential Informant T-1 also added that GERALD L. K. SMITH came into prominence during the HUEY LONG Regime in Louisiana. He was with Governor LONG at the time of the assassination, and conducted the LONG funereal. Immediately after he became active in Isolationists' Activities, and seized leadership of the America First Group when General WOOD resigned the office of national chairman. GERALD L. K. SMITH is a former Campbellite Minister and possesses a limited education, crude personality and a world of knowledge of rabble-rousing mob-psychology. Mr. SMITH's discovery of Anti-Semitism opened the door to large door to large revenue for him, consequently he advocates it and practices Anti-Semitism whenever he considers it practicable.

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In addition thereto Confidential Informant T-1 advised that SMITH's program was as follows:

GERALD L. K. SMITH desires to create a Nationalists Party which he may head. He plans to organize Los Angeles, Fresno, Oakland, and Sacramento as focal points in California. He has made a definite alliance with the Allen Brothers "Ham and Eggs"; the Ku Klux Klan and a partial alliance with CLIFFORD CLINTON's ambitious following. His alliance with Ham and Eggs is based upon a trade involving the Ham and Eggs mailing list and influence and calling for SMITH to take a definite and aggressive position in California politics. The alliance with the Ku Klux Klan is similar except the pledges Mr. SMITH has to an Anti-Semitic effort, aimed primarily at motion picture magnates. The pseudo alliance with CLIFFORD CLINTON involves a trade of Mr. CLINTON's support for SMITH's active participation in Los Angeles County politics toward the end of the coming Sheriff's campaign. Mr. CLINTON is planning to return J. ALLISON PHELPS to the Radio as one of the first steps in this program. Money for financing is being raised by pledges taken at the meetings which are held weekly, appeals through a mailing list and substantial contributions from easterners concerned with efficient anti-semitic activity.

According to T-1 GERALD L. K. SMITH's organization consists of himself, his wife and secretary who reside at the Normandie Hotel, 605 South Normandie Avenue, telephone FEderal 1351.--JOHNATHAN PERKINS, author of anti-semitic book, and such volunteer labor as is produced by Ham and Eggs and WESLEY SWIFT has a number of co-workers, male, who wear black shirts, go fully armed and seem to fancy themselves as coming leaders of a fascist-like movement. WESLEY SWIFT is most likely upon GERALD L. K. SMITH's payroll inasmuch as he spends much of his time in Los Angeles. JOHNATHAN PERKINS receives \$50.00 a week and expenses from SMITH and has been promised the editorship of a publication to be known as "Facts". This name is merely suggested and not made a definite selection. This paper will feature exposes and will be used as a medium for fulfilling Mr. SMITH's contract to any local politics.

Confidential Informant T-1 explained that subject is associated with JOHNATHAN PERKINS. The latter has endeavored and is still endeavoring to interest [redacted] formerly of Angelus Temple in the Nationalist movement.

[redacted] refused to introduce Mr. SMITH at his first Los Angeles meeting May 31, in the Embassy Auditorium. This refusal angered Mr. SMITH but he subsequently became more angry at something else and had Mr. PERKINS approach [redacted] again. Before the May 31st meeting, the Embassy Auditorium at one time was cancelled and the cancellation was revoked by the combined effort of CLINTON, via the Los Angeles Police Department and CLAUDE A. WATSON, attorney and former Presidential Candidate for the Prohibition Party via the Bonelli machine who operates through the office of Governor WARREN. Mr. WATSON was

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pushed into last minute place to introduce GERALD L. K. SMITH at the May 31 meeting, and entertained SMITH and his party the next day at a luncheon.

Father VAUGHN of Loyola University was a luncheon guest of GERALD L. K. SMITH and has been in constant touch with him during his stay in Los Angeles and also put forth an effort to revoke the cancellation of the Embassy.

Regarding subject's future plans, Confidential Informant T-1 furnished the following information:

Efforts are being made at the conclusion of the primary Los Angeles campaign to obtain Auditoriums in Fresno, Oakland and Sacramento, mass meetings and organization rallies will be held in big cities. Deals will be made with the political outs and minority groups in each community and local action in local politics will be promised.

There appears to be no idealism in any part of this program. It is a cold blooded calculated effort to weld in one group the holiness, fundamentalist and full gospel churches, the Ku Klux Klan, Han and Eggers, and minor political factions desiring power and prominence. The object is first money, second power. Every anti-group in the states will be contacted. Every poor and unrecognized element will be made to feel important. The mystery of a secret organization will be given the whole venture to appeal to the credulous. The ballyhoo will be used for the masses and political trading will be offered as an inducement to the charlatans. All in all it should go "somewhere" and at least attain a high nuisance value as well as swing a powerful minority vote.

The final analysis would be that subject plans to organize a lucrative spearhead of the America First Party on the West Coast.

Confidential Informant T-4 advised substantially the same information as Confidential Informant T-1 regarding SMITH's future plans. Confidential Informant T-4 explained that his information was received from [redacted] in Los Angeles.

The June 29th issue of the Los Angeles Examiner carried an article stating that Supreme Court Justice FRANK M. MURPHY will speak at the Hollywood Bowl July 4. Justice MURPHY hates anti-Semitism. At a peace conference in the Ambassador Hotel the Justice warned "the unwary will stub their toes on their racial and religious concierts. But for every GERALD L. K. SMITH there are 1,000 Americans that stand for just the opposite."

ENCLOSURE TO THE BUREAU

A copy of a speech submitted by GERALD L. K. SMITH to the officers of the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, prior to his scheduled appearance

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at the Auditorium on June 25, 1945.

ENCLOSURE TO THE DETROIT FIELD DIVISION

A copy of a speech submitted by GERALD L. K. SMITH to the officers of the Philharmonic Auditorium, Los Angeles, prior to his scheduled appearance at the Auditorium on June 25, 1945.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Lancaster, California:

Will conduct discreet investigation through informants and other sources of information regarding the background, history, and activities of Rev. WESLEY SWIFT, Full Gospel preacher, who is reported to have a Black Shirt fully armed Fascist-like organization in Lancaster which will consolidate with subject's America First Party.

At Los Angeles, California:

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Will, through Informants [redacted] T-1 and T-2, obtain complete coverage of subject's activities, meetings, and future plans.

One copy of instant report is being sent to the San Francisco Field Division and one copy to the San Diego Field Division for information purposes inasmuch as it is believed that subject may include those Field Divisions in a speaking tour in the near future.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-1:



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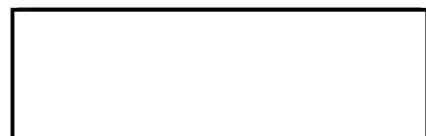
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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT T-4:



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Los Angeles, Calif.
July 23, 1945.

REPORT OF MEETING AT THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM
EVENING OF JULY 20, 1945.

PRINCIPAL SPEAKER: GERALD L. K. SMITH

The writer arrived at the Shrine Auditorium at 6:10 P.M. on the above date. About 150 elderly people were standing outside waiting for the doors to open for the meeting which was to start at 8:00 P.M. Prior to the opening of the meeting four young men walked up and down past the entrance to the auditorium selling pamphlets at 5 cents each. The front page of the pamphlet reads as follows:

"THE TRUTH ABOUT
"GERALD SMITH
"America's No. 1 Fascist
"By Hal Draper
5 cents
"published by the Workers Party"

and inside the back page is set forth the following:

"JOIN US IN THE FIGHT AGAINST
FASCISM AND FOR SOCIALISM!

"I want to find out more about the Los Angeles Section of the Workers Party, which organized the picket lines against Smith's meetings.

..... Send me more literature.
..... Send me notices about your meetings.
..... Tell me how I can join the Workers Party.

Mail to:

Your name

Address.....

City and Zone

Workers Party

Los Angeles Section

P.O. Box 1246

San Pedro, Calif."

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The Workers Party which put out this pamphlet is a Communist Party off wing group (Trotskyites).

While standing outside in front of this building the writer counted sixteen known Commissioned Officers and Privates of the U.S. Army entering the hall, one Wac 2nd Lieut., one private of the Marine Corps,

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one Captain and one 1st Lieut. Signal Corps, U.S. Army. Wm. Sahli, former Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan, in Los Angeles, was acting as usher and one of the officials. He wore a ribbon on his coat which read "America First".

When the meeting started at 8:00 P.M. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the flag there were approximately 5000 people present in the building. The Invocation was delivered by W. K. Wilson, Seminary Baptist Church. Meade McClanahan, Councilman of the 13th Councilmanic Dist., delivered the talk of about 10 minutes in which he declared himself for free speech and rapped the Attorney General, Robert Kenny, who was holding a meeting to offset this meeting, at the Olympic Auditorium. He then rapped the Mayor for having said that the sooner Smith left town the better. He then commended the Mayor for not taking any action or appearing at the counter meeting as pressure groups had been putting the pressure on the Mayor to do. He stated that Mr. Cook, Assistant Mayor, would be at the meeting and would evidently hold up Kenny's arm. He then stated that the Smith meetings made front page news only in the Communist and Jewish papers, as the local daily appears ignored him.

He stated that he could have gone to the Olympic Auditorium and gotten paid to appear on the platform as another Councilman told him he could receive pay if he would go. He then told of Councilman Parley Christensen, taking his trip to Russia and stated that Parley was a left winger. He then told of resolutions from the C.I.O. and others that had been brought to the Council trying to have Smith run out of town.

At 8:45 P.M. Gerald L. K. Smith started to speak. He stated that \$50,000.00 had been spent in ten days by the Stalinists and others like Orson Welles, to arrange the meeting at the Olympic Auditorium. He stated that the coming people of America would take care of the people in the George Washington way and not in the Stalin way. He then announced that he had been escorted to the meeting by a group of young ministers of the gospel and that was the kind of a storm troop he had. Nine young ministers came with him on to the stage, which then swelled the attendance on the stage to 61. Smith stated that he was not running for anything nor from anyone and that the Communists and their followers had packed the street cars coming in all directions from the meeting and were riding the street cars back and forth with capacity loads to prevent the people to get transportation to this meeting. He then said that Hollywood was the strategic headquarters for the Communist-Americans and that the Communists were trying to put into effect the Russian constitution in place of the Bible and that they were using racism as a part of their program to arouse hysterical Jews and negroes; and he stated also that it had just been reported to him that at the meeting at the Olympic Auditorium which was going on at that time that 85% or 90% of the people in the Olympic Aud. were Jews; and that the Jews should not allow themselves to be exploited by the Communists.

He then stated that his program was one of Christian Americanism and in his early days when he preached Christ between four walls he never made any enemies but later when he started putting Christ in the White House and in Sacramento he made plenty of enemies. He then asked why the Young Communists (Trotskyites) who were selling literature outside of the building were not in the army as they were of army age. (Note: One of the young

Communists who was selling literature in front of the auditorium went back and forth to a car to replenish his supply of literature. The car bore License Plate for 1945, No. 26-D-250, registered to Anne Draper, 950 3rd St., San Pedro, and was a 1933 Dodge Sedan.) He then stated that this government had spent \$6,000,000,000,000.00 boondoggling in South America and that the refugees now live in air conditioned homes in Beverly Hills while our returning soldiers sleep in the aisles of filthy day coaches; and that Russia was a strategic ally of ours in the war with Germany but that this war is over and we are not obligated to the Communists to the extent that we have to become Communists and they are blackmailing us to get billions of our gold but that not one penny should be given them until they help us lick the Japs. He then stated that there would be no attack made against the Communists by the auditorium or the officers in charge of the meeting at the Olympic Aud. as they were playing the Communist Party Line and the group who had financed this meeting at the Olympic Aud. had spent \$600.00 for a press banquet to stop Gerald L. K. Smith.

He then stated that after the war there will be one million unemployed on the West Coast and that the Communists will exploit these hungry people and now the party line had changed and the Communists had repudiated Browder and they had now moved their headquarters to Hollywood to take over and Christianity is the only thing that can save us. He also alleged that this Government had put the British, Russians and South Americans on a diet of Ham 'n Eggs, and it was high time that the Americans were put on the same diet; and that if you did not believe in the Bible you did not belong in this meeting, but belonged with the Communist group; and that if Senator Jack B. Tenney, or Homer Chaillaux of the National Americanization Committee of the American Legion would endorse the Communist meeting at the Olympic Aud. he would call this one off and walk off the stage. He stated that Orson Welles would put on a sketch there and that Nazis, Fascists and Communists were all hatched in the same snakes nest and that Welles is more than pro-Communist, as the Tenney Report shows Welles stuck with Hitler after playing around with both Stalin and Hitler. He stated that this was shown on page 122 of the 1945 Report of the Tenney Committee.

He then took after the Council of Civic Unity and Dr. Farnham of the Church Federation and stated 14 members of this committee who were mentioned in the Tenney Report of 1945 and these people were trying to overthrow the government of this country; and that some people would try to have some nut shoot him, and if they did 10,000 young Gerald Smiths would arise from the soil where his blood flowed. He then stated that the Attorney General, Robert Kenny, was mentioned in the Senate Report of May 2, 1945, page 9298. To substantiate this he read the statement of an attorney representing the Peace Officers Association in which Kenny had allegedly stated that he was opposed to any organization that was opposed to or fought Communism.

He then declared "I am not anti-Semitic" and the reason the Jews are safe in this country is because it is a Christian nation and that refugees have been sneaked across the Mexican border into this country and that we were not going to allow them to run us out of America. He continued further along this line by stating that the Jews have to quit being so cocky and it has reached

the point when a man comes from Russia and if he is a Jew and wants to raise the red flag of revolution in this country and you call him a Jew you are considered anti-Semitic. He stated he was circulating petitions to Congressman Rankin asking him to carry out the investigation in Babylonian Hollywood. He then stated that a certain commentator had at one time over the air disclosed these Russian refugees were coming across the border from Mexico; and that these Jews instead of being at a "hate Smith" meeting should be out now trying to make friends, and we should not allow any more of these refugees to come into this country until all the veterans return and are taken care of with jobs.

He then stated that G. Allison Phelps was taken off the radio, persecuted, broken and hounded for his exposure of things in Hollywood. (Note: For record on G. Allison Phelps, see Tenney Committee Report of 1945.) He then called for a standing vote of all those in favor of Congressman Rankin bringing the Committee to California, and as far as the writer could see from where he was sitting in the balcony almost everyone in the downstairs section stood up. About 10 people out of 2000 or more in the gallery stood up when the "No" vote was called for. In other words, 10 opposed the coming of Rankin.

He then stated he was going away for a while but he would come back to California and stay here if he wanted to if he had to make his stay in San Quentin, and that he had signed up in his organization 3,600,000 people east of Denver and 1,000,000 people in California had signed up with him and his organization. He then introduced G. Allison Phelps, former radio commentator, who is now active again in Los Angeles. (Note: If you think Gerald L. K. Smith is rough on the Jewish race, you should take time out and listen to some of the tirades of G. Allison Phelps.)

He started off by reading a long letter which he had sent to Congressman Rankin, commending his coming investigation of the Communists in Hollywood. Some of the excerpts from this letter were to the effect that Phelps had been crucified by the Warner Bros. Studio and the May Company; that Hollywood had in it revolutionary writers and the tarantulas were reaching into the halls of congress and they were Trojan snakes. He implored Rankin not to waste time on the small fry and suggested that Charlie Chaplin be questioned regarding the money he had set aside to bring aliens into this country and that Hollywood had fed and sponsored Lion Feuchtwanger, who was mentioned in the Dies Committee Report, page 570. He then mentioned John Howard Lawson and took a couple more slaps at Warner Bros. and Harry Warner in particular, regarding the picture called "The Mission to Moscow"; that Harry Warner had been born in Russia and had not forgotten it; that we should deport Charlie Chaplin on grounds of moral turpitude. He then slammed the Lesbians of Hollywood, and took after Leon Lewis, Dave Coleman and Mendel Silberberg, who had medals struck off for themselves and the medals were paid for by Harry Cohen of Columbia. He then took after some of the leading citizens of Hollywood; also gave the place of their birth and their nationalities, mentioning such countries as Russia and Hungary as ~~nation~~ ~~national~~ ~~national~~ ~~national~~ ~~national~~ ~~national~~ places of their birth. He mentioned in particular, Harry Warner, who was born in Russia; Nicholas Schenk and Joe Schenk; Al Richmond, Gregory Ratoff, Louis B. Mayer, and others, and stated that Hollywood was a town of Babylon. (Note: A

copy of this letter will be mailed to the writer, as anyone who contributed to this meeting was guaranteed a copy of this letter. This letter by G. Allison Phelps to Rankin will possibly be in the writer's possession in the next few days.)

On Sunday evening, July 22nd, Phelps will speak at the Embassy Aud. in the Rev. Lovell's church on the subject: "Hypocrites of Hollywood".

Smith then took the platform and announced that some great problems were facing this country in the post war period and one of the main problems was scientific imperialism or Communism. He then stated that the international bankers controlled the Federal Reserve and the money system of this country, and that the jackasses in Washington had ordered the cotton plowed under while the soldiers stood in rags; and in one particular instance he saw some veterans of the last war in weather which was 10 below zero and these veterans wore no overcoats and the government had caused to be blown under enough cotton to make 4,000,000 overcoats; and a man whom he knew went crazy while working in a slaughter house making fertilizer out of eatable pigs; and the time had now come for us to plow under these international bankers who want a super-state and want to tax the people without the consent of congress. He then stated that the rubber situation has been a national scandal and that he received information directly from a Ford chemist and the chief chemist of the Dow Chemical Co., Dr. Hale, that the international bankers were controlling the secrets of the rubber industry and that rubber could be made from various grains, vegetables and even garbage; the Nazis had been making it under a secret process and so had the Russians, and that the process and patent rights were the property of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, and they would not allow rubber at that time to be made in this country while we were plowing under our grain and vegetable crops; and everyone in the hall tonight should thank God that Henry Wallace is not the President of the U.S.; and in his opinion the President, Truman, is O.K.

He then took on Bernard Baruch for his activities in the rubber situation and stated that Wallace was one of this group and wants to junk the rubber plants after the war so we will have to buy rubber from foreign countries. He stated that they are now taking the tariffs off various commodities and that we will have to compete against the coolie labor; and that Pres. Roosevelt had condemned four tire factories, and presented the great Ford Tire Factory to the Russians; and it was transported to Russia in Russian ships; and that the New Dealers had sent this machinery to our industrial enemies; and one of the reasons why Roosevelt died so soon was because he could not stand up under the strain, nor did he have the nerve to tell of the deals he made; that he threw Poland to the wolves; and that the 300,000 Polish soldiers who were fighting in Europe dared not return to their homeland.

He then went to some length to tell about how the Negro-French Sengalise Troops were turned loose on and raped 5000 Christian girls in Germany. He also stated that he hated Nazism as much as anyone and he hated Fascism and atheistic Communism just as much; and at the Chicago Convention all of the left-wingers and the Jews were for Wallace; and the Christians and the Irish were for Truman; and that if Henry Wallace liked Moscow and their form of Government so well he should go to Russia and run for President; and some people here seem to think that the Russian system of government is better than ours and it should be

arranged that they be taken back to Russia. He stated it was the policy of the Communist Party to liquidate the stubborn or those who did not go along with their program; and that the 60,000,000,000 job program was just demagogic and the Communists wanted to move in and substitute the red flag of the revolution for the stars and stripes.

He stated that the Allen Brothers wanted him to return in the Fall and help them put over the Ham 'N Egg Plan, and that he shall return early this Fall and speak at 20 or 30 meetings throughout the state. He then called upon all the people who would not allow for the refugees to run him out of town to stand up.

He then announced that Jonathan Perkins, who appears to be the heir-apparent while Smith is gone, will hold a meeting at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, July 22nd, at the Friday Morning Club building, across from the Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles, and the subject of his sermon will be "Why I Believe in Christ".

He then asked everyone to stand while he delivered quite a tirade and stated that some fanatic would try to kill him. He then introduced Lawrence Allen of the Ham 'n Egg Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

COMMENT:

According to Smith's plans he is going to leave town and evidently G. Allison Phelps and the Rev. Johathan Perkins, and possibly Wesley Swift, will take over the place of Smith to carry on this organization and in the writer's opinion if Smith ties up with the Ham 'n Eggs Plan and campaigns over the state of California, as he stated he proposed to do, in 20 or 30 meetings, he will be a very hard man to head off, especially with the support of the Ham 'n Eggs group, the Ku Klux Klan, and anti-Semitic groups and others.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Searched *ls* advised SMITH has not negotiated for *any number* of AIMEE McPHERSON's Temple in Los Angeles. *[redacted]* and Confidential Informant T-1 furnished complete reports on SMITH's meetings in Los Angeles at Ham and Eggs Hall, 1204 South Hill Street, 7/6 and 7/16/45, Embassy Auditorium on 7/17/45, and Shrine Auditorium 7/20/45. SMITH's activities caused violent reaction among numerous groups, many of which are identified as Communist front organizations. SMITH departed from Los Angeles 7/27/45 enroute to Detroit, Michigan, and all meetings in Western cities were canceled.

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DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

A letter from the Detroit Field Division to the Bureau dated June 28, 1945, a copy of which was received by this office, reflected that on June 27, 1945, Confidential Informant *[redacted]* whose identity is known to the Bureau advised that Reverend CLAUDE WILLIAMS advised *[redacted]* of the Civil Rights Federation, that SMITH had made a down payment on AIMEE McPHERSON's temple in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Field Division was requested to endeavor to verify the above information and advise the Bureau and the Detroit Field Division.

[redacted] whose identity is known to the Bureau, advised he was informed by a reliable source that GERALD L. K. SMITH has not made a

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down payment on AIMEE McPHERSON's temple in Los Angeles. Informant stated further that he ascertained the temple is not for sale and according to the provisions of AIMEE McPHERSON's will it cannot be sold as long as [redacted]
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Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with the following information:

A meeting was held at the "Ham and Eggs Hall", 1204 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, on Friday evening, July 6, 1945, at which Mr. GERALD L. K. SMITH was the speaker.

The meeting was opened by the singing of two verses of "America", the pledge of allegiance to the American flag, and a prayer by a Reverend Mr. GILLESPIE. SMITH talked in his usual rambling fashion, jumping from one subject to another and tying them together only by referring to the various things as being machinations of the "enemy". He started off by saying that there is to be a meeting held next week, for which cards will be sent to those who have previously left their names with the organization. There was the usual air of secrecy about the location of this meeting, but he indicated that it is to be held in the open air, and hinted that it might be the Hollywood Bowl.

SMITH predicted that there will be one million unemployed on the Pacific Coast after the war, and stated that this would be due to the desire of the international bankers, who are anxious to have California, particularly, become a center of unemployment, so that the Communists can have a fertile field in which to work. He stated that eight million workers fully employed could supply all the needs of the United States at peace. He based this on the fact that at the time of the capitulation of Germany four million people in the German factories were taking care of all civilian needs.

SMITH referred to the newspaper reports of the expected investigation by the Rankin Committee of a Communist plot centering in Hollywood. He approved very highly of the investigation, and had prepared petitions which he had passed around through the audience for the purpose of obtaining names, to send in to Congressman RANKIN through the America First Committee.

SMITH told of an incident, which he claimed to have been verified, occurring in France since the defeat of Germany, wherein French Communist officers had clothed 15,000 Sengalese soldiers in American uniforms and then taken captive 5,000 German girls and had permitted the colored soldiers to have their will with these girls for several days in the subways of Paris.

He also mentioned a [redacted] who he claims is not an American citizen and who had been invited to speak at the Church of the Open Door. [redacted] is supposed to have said that he would rather see America under JOE STALIN than he would under GERALD SMITH. [redacted] had left town prior to the date of this meeting, but SMITH claimed that [redacted] of the Church of the Open Door, had apologized for [redacted] words.

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SMITH referred to the ceremonies at Hollywood Bowl on July 4, which were referred to as the "Interdependence Day Program". He stated that he had attended this meeting, and that fully ninety-eight per cent of those in attendance were Jews. In passing, SMITH said that he is one of those who believe that an American child should be allowed to shoot off firecrackers on the Fourth of July and that he did not approve of this thing of having fireworks only for public display. This remark did not receive much response from the audience, and SMITH therefore hastily went on to something else.

He stated that in the matter of organization there are some twelve to fifteen groups already organized in furtherance of the America First program, although the name America First or the name GERALD L. K. SMITH has not appeared in the organization plan. He stated that any group that would care to organize in furtherance of the program of America First would receive their support although the America First name would not need to appear in it.

SMITH stated that among other items, there have been sent to Russia some ten thousand bombers which have never been used against any of our enemies, and the inference was that Russia is holding them in reserve to use against us. He also stated that the products which we had sent to Russia under lend-lease should be now returned as Russia is not in any way assisting us in our present war effort.

Reference was also made to a printed letter from G. ALLISON PHELPS, and copies of this letter were handed out to members of the audience as they left the auditorium.

After taking of the collection, and the recitation of the Lord's Prayer by the audience, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

There were approximately five hundred persons present, only one of whom was noted to be a Negro, and none were seen in military or naval uniforms.

[redacted] furnished the reporting agent with the following bulletin which was distributed in Los Angeles by GERALD L. K. SMITH:

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"The pot is really boiling. The enemies of Christian Americanism are becoming desperate. They are resorting to character assassination, underground methods, and cold-blooded threats.

"The enemy knows that if we hold this big dynamic sensational Shrine Auditorium Rally that it will be too late to checkmate this crusade.

"The word is spreading like a prairie fire. Thousands of people want to attend this rally, but do not know where to get the cards. I am sending you an extra quantity, which can be distributed as follows: (1) Church; (2) Work; (3) Labor meetings; (4) Clubs.

"Warning! Do not give these cards out on the street. Do not distribute them loosely among strangers. Make sure they are handed out to self-respecting Christian Americans who believe in decent things.

"The enclosed cards will have no value in your home or in your pocket. Make sure they are wisely distributed.

"Sensational developments are taking place. Some announcements will be made at the great Shrine Rally which will create news for every newspaper in America.

"Use your telephone. Talk the meeting. Spread the word. The newspapers have conspired to be silent because many of their masters are opposed to this crusade. Because of this, it is important that we exercise without restraint the grapevine method of broadcasting the truth by word of mouth.

G. L. K. S.

"Reminder: Don't forget the special Closed Meeting for those who are anxious to help extend this crusade, which is being held Monday night, July 16 at 1204 S. Hill St., Los Angeles - 8 p.m."

WALTER LENTZ of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office telephonically advised this office on July 16, 1945 that he had received a letter addressed to the Sheriff's Office, Police Department, and District Attorney's Office by LAWRENCE W. ALLEN, attorney for SMITH. This letter pointed out that SMITH is to conduct three meetings in Los Angeles as follows:

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1204 South Hill Street, July 16, 1945
Embassy Auditorium, 803 South Grand Avenue, July 17, 1945
Shrine Auditorium, July 20, 1945

He stated the letter pointed out that for the past several meetings there has been considerable trouble with various groups trying to interrupt the meetings and that it was anticipated that there will be trouble at these three meetings. He advised the letter quotes a write-up from a local Jewish paper which calls on Hollywood and all sympathizers with minority groups to send twelve thousand pickets to the Shrine Auditorium July 20, 1945, to stop SMITH. LENTZ stated that at 2:00 P.M. on July 16, 1945 a group of colored people representing the NAACP called on District Attorney FRED HOWSER and objected to SMITH's appearances.

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with the following information:

One investigator from this office attended a special meeting at the "Ham and Eggs" Headquarters, 1204 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, July 16, 1945. This meeting was called by GERALD SMITH, and was opened by him at 8:00 P.M.

As in all of SMITH's preceding meetings, he went over the Jewish and Communist hate propaganda brought against him and his followers since his last meeting. SMITH took up most of the meeting time reading a photostatic copy of an article from the "Jewish Voice" newspaper, the office of which is located at 406 South Main Street, Los Angeles. The article was written by one SAMUEL B. GACH and is entitled "City Councilman Lifts Hind Leg for 'Polecat' SMITH". The brief of this article was the calling of GERALD SMITH and Councilman MEADE McCCLANAHAN Fascists and spiritual polecats and attempting to gather a large number of people to picket the Shrine Auditorium on Friday night, July 20, 1945, in an attempt to keep SMITH from holding his meeting, claiming a number of HOLLYWOOD personalities would be present for the picket line to demonstrate on the outside while the No. 1 Nazi-American GERALD L. K. SMITH was holding his seditionist discourse on the inside--action on the outside of the Shrine Auditorium to smother what goes on inside on Friday night, July 20, 1945.

SMITH made several comments on these remarks, principally that it was getting to be a fine Christian America when we stand for a bunch of money changing Communist rats' using such tactics to suppress Christian people from keeping America a Christian nation.

The speaker brought forth the fact that the Jewish people donate huge sums of money to sustain a Gestapo office, known as the Anti-Defamation League

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of B'nai B'rith, its purpose being that if any person is heard to say anything against a Jew it is reported to their office and his name indexed in a file, and if this same person is reported again action is then taken to report him to the Police Department or Sheriff's Office for one reason or another. If this does not keep this person still, the organization then works through this person's employer to secure termination of his services in whatever job he is holding. This information created quite a demonstration among the audience.

SMITH then went into detail explaining his offer by letter to Mr. EARL C. CRAIG, Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, to meet any comers for a debate to determine his Americanism, which debate is to be held at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth and Grand, on Tuesday night, July 17, 1945. This meeting will be covered by our office.

The speaker then talked about the big rally he was holding on Friday night, July 20, 1945, at the Shrine Auditorium, stating that as before every effort was being made to stop this meeting, the Communist "rats" even going so far as to make plans to hold a Communist meeting at the Olympic Auditorium on the same night and bring down from the North the Communist-lover Attorney General ROBERT KENNY to act as the principal speaker, also getting WINCHELL to broadcast an announcement of the meeting on his program on Sunday, July 15, 1945. SMITH said that as one can see, every door is open to these Communist "rats" but most every door for the Christians is forced shut due to pressure. However, SMITH said not to get the idea that everyone agrees with these rats, as he (SMITH) has ears in homes, factories, offices, and police departments all over the country and knows what these rats are planning even before the plans are completed. He said we should fill the Shrine on Friday night--walk right through these rats and their lines and show them there are still Christian people in this country who dare them to try and change the right way of life. He stated there will be a great number of police on duty, so no one will attempt to use any force on anyone.

SMITH in closing his meeting brought out the expense incurred in holding the Shrine meeting would be \$1300.00 for rent, help, etc., and also that it had cost him about \$1,000.00 for his personal expenses during his month's stay in Los Angeles, consisting of hotel bill and meals, typists, etc., and he requested every person present to give as freely as possible to help defray the above expenses.

As a last minute note, SMITH praised Senator TENNEY for his fine work in flushing out the Communists and stated that some additional information uncovered by Senator TENNEY and in the records at Sacramento is the fact that

our own Attorney General ROBERT KENNY did make the statement that he would see that all anti-Communist groups in California were made to hunt their holes, which shows which side of the fence he is on.

The speaker also requested every person to carry two chairs downstairs with him to the ground floor, so trucks could pick them up next day. The meeting closed at 9:55 P.M. with approximately 500 persons present. The usual types of people were in attendance as had been observed in previous meetings. No Service personnel were observed. The meeting was very orderly, with no disturbances. There were four Los Angeles policemen on duty at the entrance to the hall. Apparently SMITH is not planning on using this hall any further for the present. His future plans will be discussed at his meeting on Friday night at the Shrine Auditorium.

The following article appeared in the "Daily World" on July 16, 1945:

"Sharp opposition to GERALD L. K. SMITH's Fascist activities is developing among Los Angeles citizens.

"When SMITH holds his next meeting, scheduled for the Shrine Auditorium, Friday July 20, anti-Smith forces will be having a counter-rally at the next larger Olympic Auditorium.

"The commercial press of Los Angeles has blocked off the silver shirt fuehrer with an almost complete wall of silence. Small radical groups which picketed his meetings have merely elicited cries of 'kike' and 'Christ killer' from SMITH, who like a typical Nazi, dotes on any kind of publicity, good or bad.

"Serious elements in the community, however, believe that rising American fascism must be combated by other means than a wall of silence and a protest picket line. They believe that if SMITH is allowed to speak as a 'Christian nationalist,' they have the obligation to be heard as democratic Americans.

"Groups drawn from labor, religious and liberal organizations are backing the Friday anti-Smith rally which will be presided over by Assemblyman AL DEKKER. The meeting at the Olympic Auditorium has already been indorsed by the Hollywood Independent Citizen's Committee, the CIO Council Executive Board, the Beverly-Westwood Democratic Committee, the National Citizens Political Action Committee, the American Youth Congress, the Southland Jewish organization and the committees of correspondents.

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"Other groups are expected to come in at a special meeting of the Committee against Fascist Organization in Los Angeles, and which will be held Tuesday night at the Royal Palms Hotel.

"Many genuinely anti-Fascist groups have been debating the free speech issue as applied to the American Fascists. All are agreed, however, on a hard-hitting mass answer to the man whose Jew-baiting and Democracy-baiting stems from undefeated Hitlerism.

"URGENT!

"Tuesday, 8 p.m., July 17, Royal Palms Hotel, 360 South West-lake Avenue.

"It is urgent that all organizations send at least three representatives and all interested individuals to attend this meeting in order to coordinate Los Angeles' fight against GERALD L. K. SMITH. Plans will be completed for an Olympic Auditorium mass rally against Fascist organization in Los Angeles to be held Friday night, July 20.

"Emergency committee headquarters, room 1021, 458 South Spring street. Telephone: MI 9521."

The following article appeared in the Los Angeles "Daily News" on July 19, 1945:

"Democratic responsibility of wartime Los Angeles was underscored yesterday in a call by California Atty. Gen. ROBERT W. KENNY for a huge community mobilization in the Olympic Auditorium tomorrow night.

"KENNY said he would chair the meeting on behalf of several hundred civic, religious, labor and other groups which are cooperating in the rally with the Council for Civic Unity.

"Said the attorney general: 'You can almost see the pattern of community strife developing. California, with its enormous wartime industrial growth, has become one of the great danger spots in the country.'

"Citing that industrial dislocation caused by the war inevitably attracts to the community 'the political patent medicine men', KENNY

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said the Olympic meeting will be an initial step in developing a broad, positive program for continuing democracy.

"He announced that support of the program has been voiced by both democratic and republican leaders, by united organized labor, by Hollywood and business leaders, religious and patriotic organizations.

"As a symbol of the 'dangerous doctrines' which create racial and class disunity and weaken the community, KENNY cited the local campaign of GERALD L. K. SMITH, ex-associate of HUEY LONG and Silver Shirt leader WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, now in federal prison.

"SMITH is holding forth, with the support of Councilman MEADE McCLANAHAN, in a meeting at the Shrine auditorium on the night of the democratic rally in the Olympic.

"Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON has endorsed the democratic meeting, which opens at 8 p.m., and will send a speaker; a number of councilmen, supervisors, assemblymen and judges will attend also.

"KENNY's point that Los Angeles is a postwar danger spot was echoed yesterday by publisher MARSHALL FIELD III, member of the board of directors of the American Council on Race Relations.

"FIELD told a conference of 50 religious and minorities leaders that the Southland, like Chicago, must organize a 'coordinating group for effective action' of the entire community on behalf of democracy and unity and against racial and religious incitements."

On July 19, 1945, JACK MORRIS telephonically contacted the Los Angeles Field Office and advised that he and a group of veterans from World War I were determined to stop GERALD L. K. SMITH from lecturing at the Shrine Auditorium. He stated they had talked to some "big shot", name unknown, at the Shrine Auditorium, who claimed to have checked GERALD L. K. SMITH's name with the F.B.I. and had been assured that he "had a clean bill of health". Mr. MORRIS declined to furnish any information about himself but said he had a large group of veterans with him and that he wondered why the F.B.I. had given an O.K. on SMITH. Mr. MORRIS was advised that no information was furnished from the files of the F.B.I. concerning SMITH and no approval or disapproval has been given.

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furnished this office with the following information:

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This meeting was held in the auditorium of the Royal Palms Hotel and opened about 8:30 p.m. with about 200 people present (it seats around 300). Mr. ALBERT DEKKER, well-known actor and new California State Assemblyman, was on the platform as Chairman with Mr. GEORGE STILLER in charge of publicity.

Mr. DEKKER said this meeting tonight was to organize a Committee to fill the Olympic Auditorium to overflowing in protest against GERALD L. K. SMITH and he would like at least 12,000 people to be there. He then introduced Mr. G. RAYMOND BOOTH of the Council for Civic Unity.

Mr. G. RAYMOND BOOTH of the Council for Civic Unity of Los Angeles, who is described as white, American, about 55, 5' 10", 180 lbs, wears glasses, slightly bald headed, talked briefly. He asked the audience to help them in securing people to attend the Olympic mass meeting in their fight on Fascism.

The Chairman then read from a little paper, "IN FACT", (small four page national weekly which has followed the Communist Party propaganda line); this was supposed to be a reprint of a War Department instruction sheet on combating discrimination.

At 9:45 p.m. Mr. GEORGE STILLER of George Stiller & Associates, Room 1021, 458 South Spring Street, which raises funds for various Jewish groups in Los Angeles, made his talk. He resides at 167 North Mansfield Avenue and is described as typically Jewish, about 40, 5' 3", stocky build, around 160 pounds, smooth shaven, rather dark complexion. He explained what they have been doing and plan to do to combat SMITH and Fascism. He said that for weeks we have been worrying about what SMITH was going to do next and what we will do. He said he had decided to rent the Olympic Auditorium and he had paid the rent out of his own pocket and also paid the rent for this hall tonight. He said he is the head of the group in charge of filling the Olympic. He pointed out he is not a speaker but a publicity man. He said they had contacted the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee, the CIO Executive Board, and that last Sunday he had held a meeting in his home with CAREY McWILLIAMS as chairman. He said that tomorrow morning (Wednesday, July 18) there will be a newspaper press conference at the Ambassador Hotel with Attorney General BOB KENNY as Chairman; that they had sent out 100 telegrams to different newspapers, etc., asking them to have representatives present and that they would discuss plans to fill the Olympic Friday night. He said at the Olympic they would have on the platform seven city councilmen, also MICHAEL FANNING, the new Los Angeles Postmaster, and a Dr. (sounded like CAREON); may be Dr. CAMILO SERVINE of the Mexican Affairs Committee.

Mr. STILLER outlined among the things they needed was first communication and organization; he said they were organizing telephone

committees to call different people in the areas with the aim of distributing 50,000 copies of a circular they are getting out against GERALD L. K. SMITH and Fascism. He also said the A.Y.D. (American Youth for Democracy, successor organization to the Young Communist League) is to distribute at Hollywood Bowl, Thursday night, July 19, 10,000 of these circulars.

Then Mr. DEKKER asked for suggestions from the audience as to the best way of filling the Olympic and as to how best to eliminate GERALD SMITH and all the Fascists of SMITH's type there are or will be after him. He said he would recognize speakers from the audience for this purpose. Among those who responded were:

A Mr. GELHOUSING (?) who said he was with the Beverly-Westwood Democratic Committee. He said they had covered their area by telephone with good results and had collected considerable money to help defray expenses. He is a man about 55, tall, and wears glasses.

Then EMIL FREED (well-known Los Angeles Communist) who said he was from Local 311 of the International Machinists Union, A.F.L., described as Jewish, stocky build, about 37 years old, made a suggestion which the observer did not clearly understand.

Then LEE BABBITT who said he was of the American Veterans Committee, (a new organization which receives favorable publicity in the Communist press from time to time), said his Committee is in the fight against Fascism and they would do whatever they could to help out.

A Gentile woman who said she is a minority leader of the League of Women Voters, said her group met recently and voted to support this Committee in their plan to fill the Olympic. She said she had contacted the YWCA group but they have not yet decided whether to support this movement or not, but were to give her an answer on Wednesday. She expressed the belief the YWCA would support this Committee. Before she talked she said the head of the League of Women Voters, a Mrs. McMANNIS, was supposed to be here and talk. She called out her name but got no response, and then went ahead and made her short talk. This woman is white, American, about 50, 5' 4", 130 lbs, wears glasses, neat appearance, a good talker.

Then a man, name unknown, who said he was from the Free Italy Society (small local group of Italians or Italian-Americans which receives much favorable publicity in the Communist press), made his talk. He is described as

around 35, 5' 5", 140 lbs, Italian or Jewish appearance, and talked with an accent. He said they should go after SMITH and smash him now and not adopt a passive plan or just ignore him or laugh him off as a crackpot, because, he said, the Italians had made that same mistake with MUSSOLINI when he first appeared on the scene and they had lived to see him ruin Italy. He warned not to treat GERALD SMITH the same way.

A Jewish man, who said he works for the Douglas Company, described as swarthy, about 35, long nose, sharp featured, narrow face, about 5' 6", 130 lbs., the aggressive type, said he favored getting the Olympic meeting over as quickly as possible on Friday night before SMITH's meeting at the Shrine is over and then for them all to rush to the Shrine and completely ring it with pickets and protests. At least half the audience appeared to be against this plan of action and there were shouts of "no, no!" The lady from the League of Women Voters was very much against his plan.

THOMAS RANFORD, who said he is with the Los Angeles Central Labor Council, A.F.L., made a brief talk. He said he is against any action such as a mass picket line of the Shrine. He said they must conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and that they must recognize the right of free speech and free assemblage and the right to organize for their enemies as well as for themselves. About half the audience seemed to agree with his suggestions.

MYRA TANNER WEISS (local leader of the Socialist Workers Party, Trotskyite. She was a candidate for Mayor at the April primaries) spoke. She said she was in a Trotskyite group and that she was speaking for same. She said they have had many disagreements with this group but we are willing to forget all our disagreements for the time being and organize in a united front to combat GERALD SMITH and Fascism. She said her organization will abide by the decision of this committee in whatever plan they decide upon, but she thought the idea of going en mass to the Shrine Auditorium was the proper one. (NOTE: The Social Workers Party had a meeting at Embassy Auditorium Friday night July 6, 1945 regarding the best way of combatting SMITH's influence at which Mrs. WEISS talked at length and at that time she criticized the Workers Party, another small Trotskyite group in Los Angeles, for having picketed SMITH's meeting and saying that was really advertising him instead of hurting him).

WILLIAM (BILL) BIDNER of the CIO (appointed new Southern California War Relief Director for the CIO last year), is described as Jewish, about 35, 5' 10", 145 pounds. He said that while he wanted to get rid of SMITH, he wanted it done by using all legal means. He said there must be many legal angles the Committee would know of to run SMITH out.

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AL DODGE, who said he represented the 54th A. D. Democratic Club, said his group had passed a resolution to run SMITH out of town.

EDWARD J. DAVENPORT, new councilman for the 12th District, arose and he was invited to the platform where he spoke. He said he wanted this program to be orderly and legal, and that he wished to be counted among the group to get rid of SMITH and fight Fascism but that he believed in the laws of the land and that everything must be orderly and legal and we must recognize SMITH's right to free speech and assembly and his right to organize. As an example of that he said he had served on the Committee to put SAM BALTER back on the air after he had been taken off, so, he said, he couldn't now do an about face and deprive another man of his rights. He said he wanted the protest to be legal and orderly. Get the job done, get the crowd out and show SMITH up by putting on bigger and better demonstrations. He said, "Make no mistake about this man SMITH. He has what it takes and he is formidable, so we must not under estimate him because he is just what his people want. You cannot ignore him. We must get all groups and organizations in the city and let them know what is going on and help eliminate SMITH." Mr. DAVENPORT then mentioned the Chamber of Commerce and said it really was a business union to foster trade and help Los Angeles. He said the Merchants and Manufacturers Association was a powerful group and is really a business union to further its aims and protect its members. He said this Committee should organize in the same way to fight SMITH and Fascism.

The next speaker from the floor was Reverend ERNEST CALDECOTT of the First Unitarian Church. He said he was for this program to fill the Olympic Auditorium and have SMITH leave town, but he wanted to do everything by legal and fair means. He said SMITH was entitled to freedom of speech and the right to assemble and organize, and the only way to defeat him was by getting larger crowds and a better organization and show that the majority are against SMITH.

The next speaker from the floor was Attorney LEO GALLAGHER (Nationally famous Communist defense attorney), who said in substance about the same as the preceding speaker ERNEST CALDECOTT, that he believed in freedom of speech, etc.

At 9:50 P.M. Mr. GEORGE STILLER resumed the speaker's stand and made some announcements, such as that BOB KENNY would be Chairman of the Press Conference at the Ambassador tomorrow morning. He said KENNY had planned to go to San Francisco then, but was staying over just to be at this press conference. He said that he would not take up time tonight to discuss money, but for them to have their money and friends ready for a big collection at the Olympic on Friday night. He said so far the obligations were \$3,500.00; that the only cash put out so far was the rent for these two auditoriums and some printing.

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At 10:00 P.M. Mr. HY KRAFT (a screen writer who in the past has taken part in various Communist front affairs), who is described as Jewish, about 43 years old, 5' 7", 150 pounds, long nose, prominent ears, arose and announced from the platform the program for Friday night. He said among the speakers would be ALBERT DEKKER and that the main speaker would be a prominent motion picture actor who would talk along the lines of comparing HITLER and GERALD SMITH. He said this meeting will be in a prize ring and he is sure SMITH will be knocked out. He said he could not announce this actor's name as he did not know it as yet.

The next speaker from the floor was KENNETH VEIT (?) who is from a CIO organization. He said they would have four sound trucks going around the city to advertise the Olympic mass meeting; that they had already put out 10,000 of the leaflets and expect to distribute another 50,000.

The next speaker was ex-Congressman THOMAS FORD who said we must fight this Fascist GERALD SMITH, but it must be in an orderly manner by getting the majority of the people against him and form a large organization and crowd SMITH out.

EMILY NORTON (who has been active in the Communist Party), who is described as Jewish, about 35 years old, expressed her willingness to help the Committee to eliminate SMITH from Los Angeles.

Next was a person whose name sounded like ABRAHAM CHESLER (?). He said he represented the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. (NOTE: This is a group of men who fought against FRANCO in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, 1936-1939, and was recruited in the United States by the Communists). He is described as about 37 years old, Jewish, 5' 9", dark hair. He said the Abraham Lincoln Brigade of Spanish War Veterans had fought against FRANCO in Spain and that they had in their possession a Nazi flag which had been presented to them in recognition of their being the first organization to fight Fascism. He said this gift came from a flyer who had participated in fifty missions over Germany. He said he was sure his organization would back him in using this flag at the Olympic mass meeting to help further the program in any way the Committee thought best. There were suggestions from ALBERT DEKKER and others that it might be best to spread this captured Nazi flag out at the meeting and have donations thrown on same to help fight Fascism.

Then ALBERT DEKKER read the names of the Committee as follows:

ROBERT KENNY
GEORGE STILLER
W. J. BASSETT of AFL
FRANCIS SCULLY
MARC CONNELLY
J. RAYMOND BOOTH

ANNA POLLACK
ELEANOR ABOWITZ (Communist)
LEONARD J. GRIFFITH
CAREY McWILLIAMS
LEO GALLAN (whose name was added to
the list on motion from the floor
and was approved by the audience)

The last speaker was a Negro, who was either from Paris or his name sounded like Paris. He is described as real black skin, about 40 years old, 5' 9", 140 pounds, neatly dressed, and spoke with a French accent. He spoke from the floor and wanted to know what was the intention of this Committee after SMITH was ousted. Mr. DEKKER said that one of the things was that it would be a permanent F.E.P.C. (Fair Employment Practice Committee). This man then expressed his thanks for that and said he had intended to propose it be a permanent committee to fight discrimination and Fascism. This man appeared to be well educated and intelligent and seemed to be known to other people in the audience and his statements were listened to with respect.

The meeting ended at around 10:45 P.M.

Confidential Informant T-1 advised that GERALD L. K. SMITH is planning to leave Los Angeles approximately three days after his meeting at the Shrine Auditorium on July 20, 1945. He stated that SMITH plans to make a tour of the East for a period of six weeks for the purpose of raising money from anti-SMITH interests, namely, Ford and other groups. T-1 stated that while SMITH is on this tour the "Ham and Eggs" are booking him in twenty California cities and are planning a state-wide campaign on his return, which according to his present plans, will be about the middle of September.

T-1 further advised that the CIO Ship Builders Union voted to picket the SMITH meeting on July 20, 1945. However, PAT FINLEY and BILL SMITH of the Executive Committee advised they would fight the appropriation of any money for the picketing. T-1 stated therefore, if the Union fails to appropriate any money through the Executive Committee the picketing will be impossible.

T-1 also related that EARL C. CRAIG, Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, which meets each Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at the Embassy Auditorium, has arranged a debate concerning SMITH. The debate was to be held Tuesday night, July 17, 1945 at the Embassy Auditorium and was to have been between JONATHAN PERKINS and LEO GALLAGHER but by trickery or else secret pre-arrangement, SMITH is being substituted for PERKINS and all anti-SMITH groups are being notified.

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A meeting was held at the Embassy Auditorium, Ninth and Grand, Tuesday night, July 17, 1945. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by EARL C. CRAIG, who stated he was Chairman of the Public Affairs Forum, that the meeting was being held under their auspices, and that Mr. GERALD L. K. SMITH was a guest of this organization and the principal speaker of the evening. The meeting was opened with pledge of allegiance to the American flag and the singing of the first and the last versos of "America" by the audience. Mrs. VIVIAN DORE then sang two songs, after which Mr. CRAIG introduced SMITH.

SMITH began his speech by stating that this meeting was to be in the nature of a debate and that he had invited members of the City Council, the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, Attorney LEO GALLAGHER, CHARLIE CHAPLIN, Rabbi MAGNIN, EDWARD G. ROBINSON, AL WAXMAN, MAX SILVER, and several others to speak as opponents but they had all failed to appear. However, at the last moment he was able to secure JAMES C. McLEAN, Chairman of the Towne Forum, located at 541 Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, and JOHN G. HONEYCOMB, who is chairman of an organization here in Los Angeles to restore the Republic of Spain.

Mr. SMITH then stated that they first wanted to take up a collection in order to secure the money for rent and other expenses incurred for the evening's meeting.

He said that the opposition, which he classed as the Russians from Hollywood, Communist and Jewish organizations, were going to hold a large meeting at the Olympic Auditorium on Friday night, July 20, which was to be quite an elaborate affair. It was said that State's Attorney General ROBERT KENNY was to preside at the meeting, that movie stars have been invited, and that the press was to be given a dinner preceding the meeting and everything was being done to make it a big success and draw the crowd from SMITH's meeting which is to be held at the Shrine Auditorium the same night.

Mr. McLEAN was introduced and compared SMITH to HITLER, stating that he was anti-Semitic and was trying to create race hatred, not only against the Jews but also among all classes of people. He also said that SMITH was a faker.

Mr. HONEYCOMB was given a few minutes to talk, and he tried to bring out SMITH's background, stating he was a member of the Pelley Silver Shirts, that both SMITH and his wife had membership cards in that organization, and that he was connected with HUEY LONG and tried to take LONG's place after his death

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but was unable to do so, and later was a follower of Father COUGHLIN, also of Dr. TOWNSEND. He said that at the outbreak of the war SMITH joined an isolationist movement and attacked both lend-lease and President ROOSEVELT, also that he ran for United States Senator from Michigan, his platform being tires for everybody and free speech for COUGHLIN. HONEYCOMB stated that SMITH was unfrocked by the church and entered politics with HUEY LONG.

Mr. SMITH then took the floor again and attempted to deny the statements that the two speakers had made about him. He was able to clear himself to the satisfaction of the audience on each charge that they had made, although he did not give much of an explanation, for the majority of the audience was for him and it was not necessary for him to explain very much. The crowd was rather orderly although both his opponents made numerous derogatory statements about SMITH. Five police officers were present. They spent most of their time in the lobby of the auditorium. No one in uniform of the armed services was observed in the audience. The audience was composed mostly of elderly people, and from bits of conversation heard evidently most of them belong to the "Ham and Eggs" organization.

The meeting closed about 10:45 P.M.

The following article appeared in the "Daily World" on July 19, 1945:

"The people's ranks closed solidly today for a decisive all-out offensive to uproot Fascist organizations from Los Angeles.

"The offensive to be launched Friday night with a giant mass rally at the Olympic Auditorium, will deliver a body blow to GERALD L. K. SMITH, America Fascist leader, who had hoped to set up a permanent base in this war busy city.

"'Stop SMITH' strategy, worked out in complete detail at an emergency conference held at the Royal Palace Hotel Tuesday night, is based on the forces of organized labor joined by civic, religious, veterans, fraternal and women's groups and other community organizations.

"Present at the meeting were representatives of organizations, with members numbering into the hundreds of thousands.

"Further plans will be set today at a special publicity luncheon called by Attorney General ROBERT KENNY, chairman of the rally.

"This will be followed later today by the meeting of the arrangements committee made up of KENNY, W. J. BASSETT, secretary of the AFL Central Labor Council; FRANK PELLET, chairman of the Railway Brotherhood's legislative council; PHILIP CONNELLY, secretary of the CIO Industrial Council; E. RAYMOND BOOTH, executive secretary of the Council for Civic Unity; THOMAS J. GRIFFITH, president of the NAACP; ELEANOR ABOWITZ of the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee; ANN POLLACK, chairman of the women's division of the Jewish Community Council; CAREY McWILLIAMS of the National Citizens PAC; and LEO GALLAN, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Jewish Community Council.

"Other organizations co-sponsoring the Olympic rally include the American Veterans Committee, League of Women Voters, Hollywood Free World Association, Free Italy Society, Committee for Fair Play, Emergency Committee for KFI, Independent Voters of South Pasadena, Beverly-Westwood Democratic Club and scores of other democratic and non-partisan groups and AFL and CIO locals.

"Civic leaders and other individuals pledged to attend the rally and support its purposes, include: Councilmen J. WYNN AUSTIN, ED J. DAVENPORT, GEORGE P. CRONK, L. E. TIMBERLAKE, HAROLD HARDY, and PARLEY PARKER CHRISTENSON. Others unable to attend but endorsing the aims of the rally and pledged to send messages will be Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON, Supervisors JOHN ANSON FORD and ROGER JESSUP; JOHN BARCOMB, chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and scores of other dignitaries."

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There were approximately 3500 people at the Shrine Auditorium. The Reverend Claypool Wilson gave the invocation. WILLIS ALLEN conducted the meeting. There were about 35 or 40 people on the platform, including Dr. LOVELL, who was introduced to the audience.

ALLEN introduced MEADE McCLANAHAN as the first speaker. McCLANAHAN appeared very much upset. He said that the reason the auditorium was not filled to capacity and a crowd outside trying to get in was that the people who were running the meeting at the Olympic Auditorium had sabotaged the street cars, packing them with people riding back and forth, throwing the trolleys off, and in other ways causing delays in transportation. He said he would say nothing further in that regard, but would leave it to SMITH, who could speak more forcibly.

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McCLANAHAN reviewed his association with SMITH, saying that when he heard that the Mayor had told SMITH to leave town as soon as possible, he decided that SMITH would be a good man to look up. He mentioned the Councilmen who were speaking at the Olympic, and said that they were being paid for being there, while he wasn't getting a cent for speaking at the Shrine. He referred specifically to Councilman CHRISTIANSEN, who he said was 76 and had been to Russia four times, and he could understand his going to the Olympic. As for Councilman TIMBERLAKE - well, he was new and probably didn't know any better. He didn't know what other Councilmen were speaking there. He said that one of the Councilmen close to the Mayor told him that he could have had quite a sum if he had accepted the invitation to speak; however, he had turned it down.

McCLANAHAN then said that on the whole the Councilmen had been rather decent about the situation; that a number of resolutions had been brought up about him, but nothing had been done. Also, the Mayor had shown a little courage anyway by not responding to the pressure that had been brought against him concerning McCLANAHAN.

McCLANAHAN spoke of the attacks upon him by the Messenger and the Voice, referring particularly to SAMMY GACH.

WILLIS ALLEN introduced SMITH as the next speaker. SMITH took the same line about the street cars being sabotaged by the Communists and the Jews.

He claimed that there were 5,000 people present in the Shrine, good Christian Americans, while thirty-five per cent to ninety per cent of those at the Olympic were Jews. (McCLANAHAN made the same statement)

SMITH said that the American Legion Americanism Committee and the V.F.W. were not officially represented at the Olympic; that the A.F. of L. was dragged in by force, and that he was so informed by the A.F. of L. people. He praised the Catholic church, saying that their leadership is very understanding; that they were not officially represented at the Olympic, nor were the Fundamentalists. He mentioned that at a press conference the day before, he had informed the press that if HOMER CHAILLAUX and Senator TENNEY endorsed the meeting he would cancel his own meeting at the Shrine. However, he was sure that they could not, although he had not discussed the matter with those gentlemen.

He ranted against the Federal Council of Churches and against FARNHAM, stating that they did not believe in Christ. He spoke sneeringly of the Council

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for Civic Unity. He had a copy of the 1945 TENNEY report in front of him, and said that the names of fourteen people listed on the letterhead of the Council for Civic Unity also appeared in the TENNEY report as Communists and that KENNY's name is also included therein.

He made a bid for sympathy by declaring that for the past six weeks his enemies have been trying to inspire some fanatic to shoot him. He said that there are twenty million Christians now in prison in Russia because they have refused to renounce Christ in favor of Communism; that he has proof that KENNY stated: "I propose to fight every organization that is opposed to Communism". He declared that KENNY should be impeached, which statement brought forth enthusiastic applause.

SMITH stated that by that night or in the next day or two he hoped to have 100,000 signatures on the RANKIN petition to investigate the "Babylonian cannaille of Hollywood"; that he is not anti-Semitic, but that the only reason that it is safe for the Jews to live here in America is that this is a Christian nation; that this is the only place where it is safe for them; that he believes in hospitality. However, he indicated that he would deny hospitality to the Jewish refugees. He intimated that many of them were here illegally, stating that they had sneaked in with their millions through Mexico and settled in Beverly Hills, and they can't even speak the American language; that they are not going to run him out of town.

He stated that the Jews had better get over their sensitiveness over the use of the word "Jew". He also stated that if a man comes here from Russia and wants to substitute the Russian constitution for the American constitution, and if he happens to be a Jew, he isn't supposed to mention the word, and if he uses the term "international bankers" he is considered to be criticizing the Jews. Those refugees who prefer the Russian government should be put in a boat and sent back to Russia. The Jews should make friends instead of enemies - instead of putting on a "hate Christ" campaign at the Olympic.

SMITH announced that he is opposed to any more immigration until our soldiers come home and get jobs. That's why they (the Jews) hate him. When the soldiers get back they will find their jobs taken by refugees while they were gone. He stated that he would fight immigration while there is breath left in his body, etc. etc.

He said that years ago G. ALLISON PHELPS (whose name brought forth applause from the audience), had warned about the refugees sneaking in from Mexico and that as a consequence he had been hounded and persecuted for telling the truth so that he cannot even get an ordinary job.

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SMITH then announced that he had twenty-five speaking engagements in other large cities of this nation, and was leaving shortly; that this was the last large meeting he would have. However, he would be back in the fall and intends to establish a regional office here. (The news of his return was greeted by enthusiastic applause.)

Referring again to PHELPS, he said that the latter had written a letter to Congressman RANKIN and that he had asked him to read it at this meeting. He introduced PHELPS, stating that here is a man who has been crucified on the cross by Warner Brothers, the May Company, and the Reds of Hollywood.

PHELPS read his letter to RANKIN, which was a vicious thing. He ranted against Hollywood. He said that a bunch of alien-born perverts controlled a million dollar industry and in making his vicious remarks about the industry, he said he had specific reference to WALTER WINCHELL. The letter stated that CHARLES CHAPLIN had a fund set aside to be used to bring aliens into the United States, and that CHAPLIN was asking for a second front when we were losing the war so badly; that CHAPLIN sponsored STALIN's LION FEUCHTWANGER, a refugee now living in Southern California; that FEUCHTWANGER's name also appears in the TENNEY report; that JOHN HOWARD LAWSON also tendered a dinner to FEUCHTWANGER. He said that the Russian born hadn't forgotten their homeland; that HARRY WARNER was born in Russia. He mentioned PAULETTE GODDARD (whose name he said was LEVY), and ANATOLE LITVAK. He then referred to the "under cover boys" - the attorneys, LEON LEWIS, MENDEL SILBERBORG, and DAVID COLEMAN, representatives of the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith. They have medals, he said, for having exposed so-called subversives, many of whom are fine Americans. He asked RANKIN to make a real investigation of those attorneys. He then listed the following: HARRY WARNER was born in Russia; JOSEPH SCHENCK was born in Russia; NICHOLAS SCHENCK was born in Russia; ANATOLE LITVAK was born in Roumania; SAM KATZ was born in Russia, and "God only knows where HARRY COHN was born"; AL LICHTMAN was born in Hungary; JOSEPH PASTERNAK, ALEXANDER KORDA, GREGORY RATOFF, LOUIS B. MAYER were all foreign born. "These are just a few of the joy boys".

He wound up his letter to RANKIN by urging him to investigate this alien cesspool of Hollywood.

(The audience agreed with PHELPS in every respect.)

SMITH then spoke. He announced that PHELPS would be a guest of the Reverend LOVELL in his church on Sunday night. His subject would be: "The Hypocrisy of Hollywood".

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He then began his plea for money, stating that he had spent a great deal of money on the meeting at the Shrine. The rent was \$500.00; incidentals, \$1,000.00; printing, \$400.00; postage, \$250.00; all in all, he had spent about \$2,250.00. He pleaded that the audience be generous with their contributions. He told them that copies of the letter that PHELPS had just read would be sent to all those who contributed.

He asked those who lived in the 13th District to raise their hands. (There were not very many.) He then asked them to so indicate on their envelopes. He also requested that the people indicate whether they would be willing to circulate cards for future meetings "whether here or at the Hollywood Bowl", suggesting that some take one hundred or thirty or twenty-five, and so on down the line. He spent a great deal of time urging them to contribute generously and prayed while the ushers were collecting the contributions.

The collection having been completed, SMITH announced he would discuss three great issues, the first being the threat of the super-state. He then made his usual speech about the international bankers being out to control the money of the world; that the international bankers gave us our depression; that we had plenty of food, but our people were starving to death; that last time we plowed under our crops, but this time we are going to plow under the international bankers; that the international bankers want to make it possible for foreign countries to tell us when we have to send our boys out to get killed.

He talked about the rubber tire situation, and that there was no necessity to be without tires; that he had gone to HENRY FORD and discussed the matter with the Chief Chemist at the Ford plant, and was told that they could have all the tires that would be needed in this country within six months. However, the rubber business is in the hands of the international bankers, consequently we have no tires. He also consulted with another chemist who told him the same thing; also that in Germany they were making synthetic tires and he was told that the Standard Oil Company owned the patent.

He said we should thank God that HENRY WALLACE is not President of the United States and that he thinks HARRY TRUMAN is a great President.

At the time he was investigating the rubber situation, BERNARD BARUCH had charge of that item. He said that BARUCH was a great international banker and that he refused to make tires.

He then told the audience that the Ford Tire Company was condemned by President ROOSEVELT and sent to Russia; that ROOSEVELT stole the factory from the American citizens.

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He referred to the five thousand German girls who were supposed to have been raped by the Sengelose troops - five thousand Christian girls. This was the work of the Russians.

He repeated his story about HENRY WALLACE's speech at Madison Square Garden on the anniversary of the Russian revolution, and said that WALLACE should be sent to Moscow.

He had invited the press to his meeting at the Shrine, but they had not taken advantage of the tables he had prepared for them. He referred again to the Olympic Auditorium and said that the same type of people are there as those who picketed his meeting at the Philharmonic. He stated that if the Communists and left-wing Jews think the Russian system is much better than ours, they should be put on boats and sent to Russia. "These rascals are organized. They are prepared to take over America".

He announced that he would preach at Perkins' Peoples Church at the Friday Morning Club at 11:00 on Sunday, asking the people to give PERKINS a big hand; also that he would speak at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday at the Ham 'n' Eggs hall, and that he would be in the audience at LOVELL's church Sunday night when PHELPS would be the guest speaker.

SMITH was very bitter in speaking about the meeting at the Olympic and especially in referring to the Mayor. The Mayor had told him to leave as soon as possible, but he had sponsored the meeting at the Olympic by sending the "assistant Mayor" there as his representative.

SMITH said there is no such thing as sixty million jobs; that twenty million people can make everything we need with the use of machinery. He said that when he came here to Los Angeles the Ham 'n' Egg group offered him hospitality; that WILLIS ALLEN asked him to sponsor a program that will take us out of the hands of the international bankers; that there will be millions of unemployed turned loose on the streets.

He will return to California early this Fall and he wants WILLIS and LAWRENCE ALLEN to set up some twenty to thirty meetings. Petitions will be circulated to put Ham 'n' Eggs on the ballot.

SMITH remarked that he had sent his representative to the Ambassador to attend a press conference that was being held by the sponsors of the Olympic Auditorium program, but they threw him out.

Reverend SWIFT, Dr. BLANKENBURG, and Dr. SAHLI were also on the platform.

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While SMITH was still ranting about Russia a number of people started to leave. There was a constant stream of people leaving after that, and finally SMITH asked the people to stand and sing. He kept them standing for the remainder of the program and finally told the people that he would be through shortly, asking them to stand still and pray.

Confidential Informant T-1 furnished this office with the following information:

A meeting was held by the anti-SMITH groups at the Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, on Friday night, July 20, 1945. The auditorium, capacity of which is 10,400, was packed and many people were unable to gain admission.

The meeting was opened by SAM BALTER, radio commentator. The audience was asked to stand and sing one verse of the "Star Spangled Banner". Following this, State's Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY was introduced and spoke for some thirty minutes. After Mr. KENNY's speech, a message was read from Mayor BOWRON by Mr. EDMUND COOK, Assistant Mayor. GREGORY PECK, movie actor, then read a short speech which was composed largely of quotations and comparative statements made by ADOLF HITLER and GERALD L. K. SMITH.

From this point Mr. JOHN B. HUGHES, radio commentator, acted as master of ceremonies. He introduced Dr. E. C. FARNHAM, Executive Secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles, who is also Chairman of the Los Angeles Council for Civic Unity, and Dr. FARNHAM gave a short talk. Rabbi EDGAR F. MAGNIN was then introduced and spoke for a few minutes. Among other things he said, "We are fighting for a principle", "There have always been seeds of Fascism here", and "It can happen here but it won't". There was then read a message from Chief Justice GIBSON of the California Supreme Court. Following this, Mrs. ALBERT QUON, a Chinese lady who was named as California State Mother of 1945 and who is also Secretary of the Council for Civic Unity, was introduced and spoke for a few minutes from a prepared speech.

HUGHES then introduced representatives of the two major Labor organizations, and in making his introduction stated that the strongest resistance to Fascism has always been organized labor. He introduced W. J. BASSETT, Secretary-Treasurer of the Central Labor Council of the American Federation of Labor, who said among other things that GERALD L. K. SMITH is the worst enemy of Labor today; that he is even worse than CECIL B. DeMILLE. PHIL CONNELLY, President of the Los Angeles Council of the C.I.O., spoke for a short time, saying, among other statements, that "Hitler is dead but

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GERALD L. K. SMITH still spreads HITLER's venom", "SMITH is here to mobilize the returning war veterans against organized Labor", "SMITH is financed by reactionary Big Business interests - the same forces are bringing Congressman RANKIN here", and "Those who preach Fascism have no right to free speech".

Messages were read from VIERLING KIERSEY, Superintendent of the Los Angeles City Schools System, and C. C. TRILLINGHAM, Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Schools System.

The meeting was then taken over by State Assemblyman ALBERT DEKKER. He announced that another meeting is to be called and then started solicitation for funds. Women in the uniform of the W.A.D.C. passed through the audience, taking the collection. It was requested that checks be made payable to CAREY McWILLIAMS. Among the larger checks and pledges which were received and announced by Assemblyman DEKKER were the following: Beverly-Westwood Democratic Club, \$625.00; ISAAC PACTH, \$100.00; Sealey Mattress Company, \$250.00; Southland Jewish Organization, \$500.00; Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions, \$500.00; Acme Hardware Company, \$100.00; Simon Lazarus, \$100.00; Pacific Sound Equipment Company, \$100.00; Composite Lodge #639, A.F. & A.M., \$100.00; Junction Drug Company, \$100.00; Newsboys Union, \$100.00; National Youth Congress, \$500.00; Campus Shop, \$100.00; MARTIN YOUNG, \$100.00; also \$25.00 each from City Councilmen HARBY, DAVENPORT, and TIMBERLAKE. In addition, there were many checks of \$25.00, \$10.00, and \$5.00, and a considerable collection of cash.

Following the collection there was a talk by BURGESS MEREDITH, movie actor, who devoted most of his time to vilifying Congressman RANKIN and ended up by saying: "We'll get RANKIN". Various state assemblymen were introduced by DEKKER, although not all seemed to be present. Among these were THOMAS J. DOYLE, JACK MAY, VERNON KILPATRICK, ERNEST V. DEBBS, AUGUSTUS F. HAWKINS, JOHN C. LYONS, EVERETT BURKHALTER, PHILIP DAVIS, WILLIAM ROSENTHAL, and RALPH DILLS. Messages were read from County Supervisor ROGER JESSUP, Councilmen GEORGE P. CRONK, HARRY CHRISTIANSEN, and J. WIN AUSTIN, also from Judge GEORGIA BULLOCK. A telegram from U. S. Senator SHERIDAN DOWNEY was read. Various other individuals were then introduced, among whom were ALVIN WILDER, who was named as a veteran of the "Battle of KFI"; Mrs. SUMNER SPAULDING; BEN SCHENBERG of the American Legion; H. CLAUDE HUDSON, Vice-President of the N.A.A.C.P.; Mrs. RALPH E. VANDERVOOR, President of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters; ROLAND McNITT, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee. A letter from JOHN BARTON was read, he being Chairman of the Los Angeles County Republican Central Committee. Postmaster MICHAEL FANNING was introduced from the floor, as was CAREY McWILLIAMS. A talk by ORSON WELLES followed, and the meeting closed at 11:30 p.m., with repetition of the pledge of allegiance to the American flag led by Assemblyman DEKKER.

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Of the entire audience the largest percentage appeared to be people of the Jewish race, with a sprinkling of Negroes. There were only a very few military uniforms noted.

The following article appeared in the Los Angeles Herald and Express on July 21, 1945:

"Twelve thousand men and women attended an overflow meeting of "An American City in Action" at the Olympic Auditorium last night, the first of a planned series designed to fight anti-democratic forces and intolerance.

"More than 100 civic, patriotic, labor and veterans' organizations sponsored the meeting.

"Chief speaker was Attorney General ROBERT W. KENNY, who warned against class and racial discrimination in California.

"Joblessness, insecurity and violence were breeding grounds of the now deceased Mussolini and the mysteriously vanished HITLER,' he said. 'Dispensers of disunity and demogogy have invaded California because our state's economy is in a state of transition due to the dislocations of war and V-E Day.

"In the task of maintaining social peace and economic health and eyes of America are upon us. We represent the decent citizens, the healthy citizens who have joined forces to demonstrate that the vultures are going to starve in California.'

"Mayor FLETCHER BOWRON, en route to Philadelphia for the launching of the U. S. S. Los Angeles tomorrow, sent this telegram to the Olympic meeting: 'Rabble-rousers will never find a haven in Los Angeles.'

"Among other speakers with KENNY were Dr. E. C. FARNHAM of the Council for Civic Unity and the Church Federation; Rabbi EDGAR F. MAGNIN, ORSON WELLES, BURGESS MEREDITH, Assemblyman ALBERT DEKKER, W. J. BASSETT of the A.F.L., PHILIP M. CONNOLY of the C.I.O. and representatives from the Y.W.C.A., veterans and minority groups.

"Communism in Hollywood was denounced last night by GERALD L. K. SMITH, America First leader, in a speech at the Shrine Auditorium.

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"He upheld Rep. JOHN RANKIN's recently declared intention to investigate subversive activities in the film colony and charged that Hollywood 'is the center of Communism in America where plans are being made to overthrow our government after the war.'

"In his speech before a crowd of several thousand, SMITH also criticized lend-lease and 'the international bankers who control American money.'"

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On July 21, 1945, [redacted] Military Order of the Purple Heart, 2406 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California, telephonically advised that in connection with SMITH's meeting on July 20, 1945, he, together with five other men, decided that their organization should know about SMITH's activities first-hand so they attended his meeting as observers. They had received complaints from a number of Purple Heart men.

When they arrived at the auditorium, they found outside possibly one hundred people trying to get in but no one was admitted without a card. There was no disturbance whatever. After the meeting they found perhaps forty people outside and still no disturbance. They talked to the manager of the auditorium and found that it holds sixty-eight hundred people and according to his estimate there were perhaps twenty-five hundred to three thousand people in the auditorium. Most of them were men and women.

Two young men in uniform came onto the stage first and deposited brief-cases on the table and then SMITH entered the platform preceded by three young men and followed by three young men. During his remarks, he said people claim that he is accompanied by storm stoopers. He said it is true that he is accompanied by storm troopers and he introduced these six young men, saying that they were his storm troopers; they are men he is training for the ministry; that his life has been threatened and that if he is killed, these six young men and two thousand more like them will rise over his grave and carry on his crusade.

During his talk, SMITH defied anyone to say that the FBI has anything on him. He said he would continue, as long as he has blood in his veins and the strength to speak, to fight against kike-Jews, Communists and others. He made an attack on the Standard Oil Company and other big businesses, as well as against different manual groups.

[redacted] said that his group took no particular offense against any of SMITH's statements during the evening, with the exception of the statement

quoted below which they copied verbatim; that just prior to the collection of the donations, SMITH said that after the donations he would give them the dynamite; that following the donations SMITH said "Now I will give you the inside information. The President was a sick man and everyone knew it; however, he died quicker than we expected because he did not have the nerve to tell the American people the inside of the deal that he made with STALIN at Yalta". HERZ stated that his group objected seriously to this statement, particularly in view of the fact that approximately one hundred servicemen were in the audience. He said if this is not a subversive statement undermining the Commander in Chief of the United States, he does not know what subversiveness is.

According to [redacted] SMITH glorified Congressman RANKIN and said that everyone should support him and uphold his honor. [redacted] pointed to the fact that SMITH definitely can sway individuals: that he and his group personally were greatly moved by SMITH's oration and [redacted] said that had they not known who SMITH is, and the nature of the man, they could easily have been led to follow everything that he said. For example, in connection with the RANKIN matter, SMITH asked all those in favor of supporting RANKIN in his investigation of the Jews in Hollywood to say "eye". [redacted] said there was a general chorus of "eyes" in the audience. SMITH said "are you really in support of RANKIN - say 'eye' again", whereupon there was a very loud chorus of "eyes", considerable shouting and yelling in the audience. Then SMITH said "I really want to find out how many of you will support RANKIN - all in favor of him stand up". [redacted] stated that his group did not stand up but that practically everyone else in the audience did; however, there were six sailors directly in front of [redacted] who did not stand up. After the crowd sat down, SMITH said, "all those not in favor of RANKIN now stand up", whereupon approximately thirty people stood up, including these six sailors. SMITH then said, "well, I know there are thirty or forty Communists in this group tonight, therefore I won't count them and I shall report that this group is unanimous in the support of RANKIN".

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SMITH in his remarks attributed the poor attendance at his meeting to a Jewish conspiracy with the Los Angeles Railway. He said the Jews got together and crowded all the street cars so much that no one else could get on the street cars to come towards the Shrine Auditorium and those who wanted to get there would have to walk twenty blocks in view of this conspiracy. [redacted] said that the allegation was so ridiculous that the people in the audience believed it.

[redacted] stated that his group does not want to fight against the rights of free speech but that they do feel that SMITH is dangerous. He definitely can sway people to do and think as he does; therefore, at the next meeting of

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the Order of the Purple Heart on August 2, 1945, a resolution may be passed requesting an investigation of SMITH in view of the one sentence quoted above with respect to the dying of the President.

SMITH said he was leaving in a few days on his tour to make twenty speeches, starting in Salt Lake City, Denver, etc.

The following newspaper article appeared in the Los Angeles Herald and Express, July 23, 1945:

"Attorney JOHN L. WHEELER in a letter today to GERALD L. K. SMITH advised him that he had no right to make public appearances under the America First Committee label.

"'As you are undoubtedly aware', WHEELER wrote, 'General ROBERT E. WOOD, chairman of the national committee of the America First Committee, publicly advised you that you were not authorized to use the name of the committee or to appear to act under the sponsorship of the many outstanding leaders of this country who were members of this committee.

"'You may not be familiar with the fact that the America First Committee in California is a non-profit corporation and that such corporation is still in existence. That corporation has the exclusive right to the use of the name in the state of California, and you are therefore not authorized to use the name in any way'".

A letter was received from the San Francisco Field Division dated July 26, 1945, stating that on July 23, 1945, [redacted], Fairfax, California, personally advised the San Francisco Field Division that [redacted] was a member of the organization of GERALD L. K. SMITH.

[redacted] said that [redacted] was a friend of his son, whom he had seen at his home on very many occasions while he was a growing boy. [redacted] now age 19, had been in the Navy until he received a medical discharge. [redacted] is now a resident of the Hollywood area, being a writer for the movies. He is reported to have been employed at MGM, Fox, and Republic Studios. His address in that area was given phonetically as the Peyton Arms, Beverly Hills.

[redacted] claimed that the organization would take over the Government after the post-war unemployment gave them a chance to stir things up with the

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masses. They were to agitate anti-Negro and anti-Semitic riots, and then supply the whites with weapons to put down the strife. [redacted] asserted that there was a factory in Mexico which was going to turn out weapons for the organization.

At the present time [redacted] said that [redacted] an anti-Nisei newspaper which was sent from Los Angeles up into the San Joaquin Valley to inflame the populace against the Japanese. [redacted] predicted that he would accomplish great things after he had had more experience. At the present moment in his career all he was doing was talking.

Confidential Informant T-2 was contacted on July 25, 1945, and it was ascertained that GERALD L. K. SMITH was presently residing at the Normandie Hotel, 605 South Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. T-2 advised that SMITH makes his headquarters at the hotel, where he resides with his wife and secretary. None of SMITH's activities or plans were known to T-2. However, informant stated if any information was received as to SMITH's plans for leaving Los Angeles, the reporting agent would be notified.

T-2 telephonically contacted the reporting agent on July 27, 1945, and advised that SMITH checked out of the Normandie Hotel at 10:45 A.M. on that date. He stated SMITH left his forwarding address as c/o Blackstone Hotel, Detroit, Michigan.

On July 28, 1945, the writer telephonically contacted [redacted] Ham and Eggs Hall, 1204 South Hill Street, under pretext, and was advised that SMITH left Los Angeles on July 27, 1945 and was en route to Detroit, Michigan and that he planned to stop over in Chicago, Illinois for one day. He stated that SMITH's address in Detroit is post office box 451, Detroit 31, Michigan. [redacted] further advised that SMITH plans to return to Los Angeles in approximately six weeks when he will make a lecture tour of approximately twenty California cities. [redacted] further stated that SMITH made arrangements for the Ham and Eggs Hall to handle any of his local business for him while he was in Detroit.

Confidential Informant T-1 was contacted on August 4, 1945 and it was ascertained that SMITH left California from Pasadena aboard the Santa Fe Chief on July 27, 1945. T-1 advised that SMITH was going directly to Detroit, Michigan, and all meetings previously arranged in the Western cities had been canceled. T-1 further stated that according to SMITH's present plans, he intends to return to Los Angeles about the middle of September.

[redacted] furnished the following information:

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It has been reliably reported that subject, who has been in the Los Angeles area since May 27, 1945, departed Los Angeles at 12:01 P.M., July 27, 1945, on the Chief for Chicago, accompanied by his wife and secretary. His forwarding address is reported to be the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

During recent mass meetings conducted by subject in Los Angeles, he stated he intended to return to Los Angeles in the Fall to assist the Ham and Eggs group in their campaign to place their plan on the ballot; that he was not setting up national headquarters for the America First Committee in Los Angeles, but they would remain in Detroit.

SMITH's activities in the Los Angeles area have caused violent reaction among leftist elements in this area, culminating in an anti-SMITH mass meeting of 12,000 persons, held July 20, 1945 at the Olympic Auditorium, under the sponsorship of numerous organizations, many of which have been identified as Communist front groups.

The following individuals were active in the anti-SMITH meetings in Los Angeles and have been identified as being Communist Party members or sympathizers thereof, or individuals who are known to follow the party line:

[redacted] Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee; [redacted] radio commentator; [redacted] Veterans of Lincoln Brigade, Spanish Civil War; PHILIP CONNELLY, Secretary, CIO; [redacted] Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee; [redacted] Public Affairs Forum; ALBERT DEKKER, actor; [redacted] Church Federation; [redacted] N.A.A.C.P.; [redacted] radio commentator; ROBERT W. KENNY, Attorney General, State of California; [redacted] Hollywood Free World Association; CAREY McWILLIAMS, National Citizens Political Action Committee; Rabbi EDGAR F. MAGNIN, Chairman, Board of Rabbis; BURGESS MEREDITH, actor; [redacted] Women's Division, Jewish Community Council; GEORGE STILLER, publicity agent; ORSON WELLES, actor.

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MR. SWIFT

MR. COMPERET AND WIFE
GERALD L. K. SMITH

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Subject's Name and Aliases

"CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS" "Christian Nat. Crusade"

SAN DIEGO AND LOS ANGELES

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Address of Subject
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DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT:

DATE 7/18/00 BY 3906362W/JAR/JL

Name of Complainant

Address of Complainant

Telephone Number of Complainant
3-26-52

Date and Time Complaint Received
10:41 AM

FACTS OF COMPLAINT: Complainant stated a friend of hers whose name she would not divulge invited her to attend a meeting of an organization which is known as THE CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS. This organization has as its leader an individual, she said, known as GERALD L. K. SMITH. She said these meetings take place every Thursday Night at 7:30 PM at the ODDFELLOWS HALL, 3911 Kansas St., Los Angeles, Calif. Complainant said a DR. SWIFT was running the organization in Los Angeles and a MR. COMPERET and his wife headed the organization in San Diego.

Complainant stated this group has been known for its antisemitic teachings and was also instrumental in causing Governor Warren a great deal of difficulty when he was running for that office. She said that this group has been able to convince all of its members that Jesus Christ was actually a gentile and that all of the present day Jews are "Imposters".

Complainant stated she has in her possession a copy of an article which was written by a reporter for the POINT magazine back when President Roosevelt was running for office which explained the intentions of SWIFT and the aims of the CHRISTIAN NATIONALISTS. She also stated an article in last Thursday's Union, 3-21-52, dealt with the formation and aims of this group.

Complainant said this group is very particular who they allow to attend their meetings, and have on several occasions barred the Press from their gatherings.

She said she feels this group is out to "get" General EISENHOWER by attempting to prove he is of Jewish extraction. She stated that one of the members is to bring some ACTION RECOMMENDED BY AGENT: literature on this group to her next Monday, and that she will pretend to be interested awaiting any action from the FBI.

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FROM : [REDACTED] SUPERVISOR

SUBJECT: GERALD L.K. SMITH
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[REDACTED] called on the above date and advised she had been invited to attend a meeting of the present Gerald L.K. Smith organization which is a reactivation of the old American First Committee. The invitation had been extended by a casual acquaintance at [REDACTED] address unknown (described by [REDACTED] as a former Republican leader who has been repudiated publicly by the Republicans of SD).

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The meetings are held every Thursday night at the Sunset Hall on Kansas St., SD, and the next principal speaker is Dr. Wesley Swift.

[REDACTED] plans to attend a meeting out of curiosity, and will advise the SD office of info. received.

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**It'll hardly
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LOS ANGELES, March 22—In some respects, State Sen. Jack B. Tenney, Republican-Christian Nationalist, is a piker.

He's listed as receiving only \$75 for "traveling expenses" during 1953 from Gerald L. K. Smith's Christian Nationalist Crusade.

At least, that's all that's down in the Smith gang's information on contributions of \$100 or more, and where they went, filed under the Corrupt Practices Act.

The sworn statement was made to the clerk of the House of Representatives and digested for local interest by the Pacific Southwest regional office of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League.

All told, 51 Southern Californians contributed \$100 or more to the Christian Nationalists for a total of about \$13,000. Nationwide, the hate outfit took in \$191,943 from all sources.

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Although Tenney is credited with receiving only \$75 directly, the report shows another \$3,105 went to Standard Publications of Tujunga, which publishes "The American Reporter."

Tenney is said to be considerably interested in that concern. In any event, the last issue of its publication carried an article by him attacking the Anti-Defamation League.

Commenting on these disclosures in The Jewish Voice, Editor - Publisher Samuel B. Gach advised his readers:

"... Let's not forget that Jack Tenney—G L K. Smith's puppet again wishes to foul up the good name of Los Angeles county by seeking reelection to the office of state senator from this district."

Another beneficiary of the Smith slush fund was Wesley Swift, director of the California Anti-Communist League. He received \$500 for "travel and expenses."

CONTRIBUTORS LISTED

The B. N. Robertson Printing Co., 593 Glendale Blvd., which publishes Smith's diatribes, received \$6,000. Another \$2,000 went to Charles F. Robertson, one of the proprietors.

Listed as Los Angeles contributors were L. P. Buckley, \$187; C. U. Campbell, \$321; M. F. Colton, \$349; R. D. Fisher, \$258; D. W. Hammang, \$142; F. M. Hardie, \$122; C. L. and Helen Hauge, \$247; G. C. Knepper, \$239.

N. Kudosh, \$116; J. W. Lonn, \$386; J. Lunde, \$101; M. B. Morris, \$131; R. Ohler, \$1,421; N. L. Oliver, \$102; Katherine Osborne, \$250; F. E. Paddock, \$279; Z. R. Pattee, \$270; S. Schmidt, \$390; Ellen Smoch, \$541; William E. Thompson, \$100, and Mary B. Twohig, \$111.

San Diego contributors included H. E. Folsom, \$197; H. B. Greer, \$345; A. L. Morse, \$105; R. B. Smith, \$178; W. B. Strickler, \$245, and P. L. Wood, \$162.

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In Bakersfield, H. C. Welch contributed \$206 and Dr. Lois Worthington, \$680. The Pasadena take was E. Hilgenfeld, \$124, and G. A. Phinn, \$326.

Other Southern California contributors included: H. Wagner, Anaheim, \$200; E. R. Lynn, Artesia, \$195; E. H. Ross, Burbank, \$140; W. F. Rouse, Burbank, \$135; J. E. Pressey, Cudahy, \$137; J. F. Stross, Culver City, \$155; A. B. McLaughlin, El Cajon, \$107.

B. and D. Moneton, El Monte, \$206; Edith Grace, Gardena, \$118; L. Keefer, Glendale, \$271; A. A. Logan, Hawthorne, \$241; J. H. Kirk, Lancaster, \$225; F. E. Root, La Verne, \$263; E. V. Petersen, Lomita, \$550.

L. B. Cox, Ontario, \$284; N. and M. McConnell, North Hollywood, \$325; M. M. Phipps, Long Beach, \$440; C. A. and P. L. Stebbins, Sherman Oaks, \$170; L. Horland, Sunland, \$273, and H. W. Greene, Venice, \$206.

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MYRON C. FAGAN, National Director, Cinema Educational Guild, Inc., author of Red Treason in Hollywood and Red Treason on Broadway, telephonically contacted Supervisor [redacted] on 4/28/55 and advised that he was attending the Congress of Freedom Convention currently being held at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, California. He stated that he has become suspicious of the manner in which the seminars at the convention are being manipulated and the line of thought being developed at them. He had reason to believe that the convention was being infiltrated by both leftwingers and Christian Nationalist Crusaders. FAGAN expressed the desire to be interviewed by Bureau Agents.

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FAGAN was contacted on 4/28/55 at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

FAGAN advised that he was the individual who furnished important information concerning Communism to Senator VANDENBERG's Office in 1946, that he launched the investigation of Communism in the film industry and exposed the three hundred Reds employed by the film industry and was responsible for the HCUA hearing in this field, and that he has written numerous books on the subject of Communism. He also advised that he was responsible for exposing the United World Federalists and has always worked closely with the Bureau, although not officially connected with it. He said he had brought information to the Bureau and the Bureau carried on from there.

FAGAN advised that he did not wish to definitely characterize the convention as being a Red front or infiltrated by Christian Nationalist Crusaders, but that he had been made aware of certain disturbing trends and had personally noted a number of strange and furtive characters moving about.

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SF 105-1535 (Christian National Crusade)

SF 105-3033 (WESTLEY SWIFT)

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He was particularly concerned with WESTLEY SWIFT, [REDACTED], and a [REDACTED]. He had no definite allegations to make but sensed certain disruptive influences making themselves felt both from the left and the right.

[REDACTED] FAGAN then introduced the interviewing Agents to a [REDACTED] San Diego, California, a [REDACTED] Pasadena, California, and [REDACTED] Fair Oaks, California. All of these individuals were in agreement with FAGAN concerning the disturbing trends and disruptive influences present at the convention, and were, in fact, apparently the basis for FAGAN's disturbed condition.

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] all of the patriotic groups in San Diego, California, and that she could not afford to have her name associated with anything that smacked of subversion and that she felt she was in a precarious position by having attended this convention and that she wanted to go on record as having said so and wanted to be cleared.

[REDACTED] advised that her name had been placed on the list of the Convention Committee without her permission. She stated that she was a member of the panel on the Philosophy behind the United Nations, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] She advised that [REDACTED] is definitely manipulating the panel so that people who believe as she does do not get a chance to express themselves and that he is an extreme pacifist, that he believes that in the event an atom bomb is dropped on the United States that there should be a national referendum to determine if the United States should retaliate in kind, that as an example of collective security he depicted two boys fighting and a grown man stepping in and stopping them. [REDACTED] wanted to know what kind of an example that was and stated that she was highly suspicious of it.

[REDACTED] stated that pacifism has come up time and time again and also that there were many philosophical anarchists present at the convention and that a [REDACTED] had expressed anarchistic views, such as, that if laws were not good they did not have to be abided by. In general, she said, there appeared to be a complete lack of respect for Government.

[REDACTED] also stated that a [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] allegedly made the statement that the time might

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possibly come when the Government would have to be overthrown by force and violence in order to do away with laws.

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[redacted] advised that her belief as well as those of many others at the convention is "the less government the better" but that she in no way subscribed to anarchistic views.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had disrupted the Convention of the Congress of Freedom in 1954 at Omaha, Nebraska, and took control of this convention on its last day. She went along with [redacted] because a good friend of hers had highly recommended him and because of this recommendation she attended this convention in San Francisco. Now that she was here she too did not like the way things were going and also wanted to go on record as having expressed herself in this way.

[redacted] was completely silent throughout and merely nodded his head in agreement with everything that was said.

[redacted] after everybody present had nothing else to say, asked the interviewing Agents to advise them on what they could do to clear themselves and to save the convention.

[redacted] was informed that the Agents were there at their invitation to receive any information they had to offer, that the FBI was a fact-finding organization and its files were strictly confidential, that the Agents were in no position to offer any advice or recommendations. It should be noted that the interviewing Agents did not interrogate these people but merely accepted what information they had to offer and made no statements during the interview.

[redacted] It should be noted that the background and activities of [redacted] have been set out in the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/24/55 and captioned American National Crusade, aka National Independent Party, Diablo Valley Independents, Diablo Valley Young Democrats. In San Francisco letter to the Bureau dated 1/19/55 captioned [redacted] was pointed out that [redacted]

[redacted] an organization which affiliates itself with the program of GERALD L. K. SMITH in opposing Communism, the United Nations, and the "Jew-Zionist tyranny." It will also be noted that [redacted]

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The indices of the San Francisco Office indicate that WESTLEY ~~SMITH~~ is affiliated with GERALD L. K. SMITH and was SMITH's legislative representative at the National Emergency Conference.

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MEMO

TO: SAC, SAN DIEGO
FROM: SA [redacted]
RE: TEUTONIC KNIGHTS
IS RACIAL MATTERS

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[redacted], whose
identity should be protected, and who is being considered
for development, as a PSI, orally furnished the following
information to SA [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION: Open cases as noted in channelizing below;
all other necessary action has been taken by
the writer in connection with this memo.

Read By [redacted]

105-1962 TEUTONIC KNIGHTS

cc: [redacted]

105-134 G. L. K. SMITH

105-1945 CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST-CHRISTIAN

105-1496 CONSTITUTION PARTY

105-348 BERTRAND L. COMPARET

14-78 WESLEY SWIFT

105- Open New for investigation (ASSOCIATES FOR AMERICANISM)
105- Open New for investigation (CONSTITUTIONAL FOUNDATION)

100-11705 CALIFORNIA WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL

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[redacted] visited BERTRAND L. COMPARÉT at the latter's home, 4930 Mansfield, San Diego, [redacted]

[redacted] COMPARÉT talked about Zionist and Marxist Jews, using passages in the Bible to show that these people were dangerous to the welfare of the country. COMPARÉT said that officially GERALD L.K. SMITH is keeping "hands off" the Constitution Party because he feels that his (SMITH's) association with the Party would harm it. SMITH is sympathetic but will not take an active part in the Constitution Party.

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Concerning the Teutonic Knights, COMPARÉT said that he had heard that [redacted] was suspected of being a possible undercover agent of the ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE (ADL). Reasons given for suspecting [redacted] were that they feel that he was deliberately hired by the ADL and that he is the only one of all the conservatives who advocated violence. COMPARÉT said he is against the idea of anything underground such as the Teutonic Knights and that he had told [redacted] that [redacted] should have nothing to do with [redacted]. COMPARÉT described [redacted] as still wet behind the ears, and did not know "what it was all about". COMPARÉT said he, COMPARÉT, was against violence of any kind.

[redacted] visited [redacted] at the latter's home [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] was in financial difficulties. [redacted] said that he is opposed to violence but that the Teutonic Knights was still in existence. He said that units of the organization are composed of three persons and that only one individual knows of the existence of another group, etc. [redacted] told [redacted] that they have some unregistered guns. [redacted] gave [redacted] the name of [redacted]

[redacted] called [redacted] on the phone for the purpose of getting acquainted. [redacted] said he was in agreement with what GERALD L. K. SMITH stood for and was against FEPC. [redacted] gave [redacted] the name of [redacted] as someone who would want to talk about organizing a White Citizen's Council. [redacted] called [redacted] who invited [redacted] to attend the meetings of the Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, Dr. SWIFT, minister, which [redacted] attends regularly.

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[redacted] called on [redacted]

[redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted] said he wanted nothing to do with the Teutonic Knights.

[redacted] called on [redacted] who told [redacted] he had no interest in the Teutonic Knights and that he is now out of the group. [redacted] said he wants to rid himself of [redacted] "politically", but will keep [redacted]

[redacted] advised he had not seen [redacted] the taxi driver who was interested in organizing a branch of the National States Rights Party, for a long time.

[redacted] advised he was of the opinion that [redacted] advocated the blowing up of Jewish synagogues and schools.

[redacted] advised that he had received a directory of "conservative" organizations from [redacted] Included among them were the following:

Church of Jesus Christ-Christian, Dr. WESLEY SWIFT, Pastor, which was formerly known as Anglo-Saxon Christian Congregation. Associates for Americanism, Box 6476, Point Loma Station, San Diego 6, Calif., [redacted] Citizens Pure Water Committee, 1240 12th Ave., San Diego, Calif. (NOTE: This is [redacted] former address). Constitutional Foundation, 6001 Vista Drive, La Mesa, Calif., [redacted]